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JOHN VALENTINE

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I began the preparation of this record on

Easter Sunday, April 8th, 1928.

JOHN JACKSON VALENTINE

"forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit."
Virgil's Aeneid.

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JOHN JACKSON VALENTINE

..... EXPLANATION .....

Public records and family records show that John Valentine, a soldier in the South Carolina militia in the war of the Revolution, lived in Newberry District, South Carolina.

The following pages give the story of his Revolutionary service and the names and locations of his descendants that I have found during many years of careful search and inquiry.

I want to thank all the members of his family who have helped me so much in the gathering of this material. A number of those who helped me are now dead - this labor having extended over a period of almost twenty - nine years.

A very carefully prepared index has been made and I have tried to give the name of each and every one whose record I found and who so patiently and kindly assisted me in this interesting study of the genealogy of our family.

John Jackson Valentine
58 West Lafayette Circle
Memphis 11, Tennessee.

(Sunday - February 3rd, 1957.)

.... N O T E ....

John Valentine and his family of Newberry District, S. C. are the only Valentines found in and around the Enoree River and Duncan Creek Neighborhood in all the search through County, Court, State and U. S. Census records from 1785 to 1828, and he lived on lands which were accepted by him in payment for services in the South Carolina Militia in the American Revolution. He lived on this same land until he became a very old man and he transferred the land by deed of gift to Zachariah Valentine not long before he died in 1828. Zachariah Valentine was his son and this Zachariah was a brother to my great grandfather, John C. Valentine.

John Jackson Valentine,

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PART ONE

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PART ONE

JOHN VALENTINE

(Revolutionary Services)

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

A. S. Salley, Jr., Secretary
Harriet J. Clarkson, Assistant Secretary

COLUMBIA, S. C.

Oct. 18, 1929

Mr. John J. Valentine,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:-

We have two records of pay issued to John Vollentine (Valentine) for services in the Revolutionary War, a certified copy of which will cost $3.07.

Yours very truly,

(A. S. Salley, Jr.) (sig)

Secretary.

JOHN VALENTINE
(Revolutionary service)

The State of So. Carolina to John Valingtine Dr
To Two Hundred and Thirteen days at 20/ £213.0 serving
as a Horseman in Service said State
12,13,0

Ninety Six) Personally appeared John Valingtine Before me and made
District) Oath as the Law and saeith that he the Deponant was in
the service of said state Two Hundred and Thirteen days as a Horseman
for which he was never Returned for any Pay nor received any Sattis-
faction for same.
Sworn to before me this John Vollentine
10th of Feby 1785 --
Sam'l Otterson J P.
I do hereby Certifie that the above duty was Performed faithfully --
John Lindsey Lt. Col. -

To the Commissioners of the Treasury of ye State of So. Carolina -
Gentlemen: Please deliver to Mr. John Speake My Indents and you will
Oblige,
Your Humble Servt --
Jan. 6 1787 John Vollentine
Before John Lindsay J. P.

N. B. after the Purchais of 300 acres of land is Reducted --
John Lindsay J P

Received 17. Jany. 1787 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent
No. 662 Book Y.
John Speake

662 Y
3d Jan 86
John Valingtine
his Acct pay for 312 days
militia Duty a Horseman
@ 20/ p day ---
Amt Curry £ 213:.. --
Amt Stg £ 30:8:6 3/4
N B Certified, but no time
Specified, when the above
service was performed,
Thirty Pounds, eight Shillg,
and six pence three farthing
Sterling ---
Exd: J. Mc: AG
Passed T. J. ---
State of So, Carolina to John Volentine Dr
Duty (P) Co. 1 Anderson's return ---------- Curry £ 183:..0..0
Stg. 26:..2..10¼
Gentlemen: please to Deliver to Mr. Benjamin Gordon my Indents Boath
princaple and Intrest and his Receipt shall Be your Discharge from
yr-s to serve ---
John Vollentine
To Ms -- srs Boqueat) Commissioners
and Mitchel) of the Treasury

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JOHN VALENTINE

(Revolutionary Services) (continued)

Test, Levi Casey J. P.
Recd. 6th July 1785. Full Satisfaction for the within in an
Indent No. 389 Lib. U.
Order

Benjamin Gordon

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.)
)
OFFICE OF HISTORICAL COMMISSION)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of two accounts against the State of South Carolina from John Vallentine for services performed in the militia thereof during the War of the Revolution, which accounts were approved and paid and are now on file in this office which is a department of the executive branch of the government of South Carolina.

(Given under my hand and seal,
(this the 1st day of November, 1929,

sig- A. S. Salley, Jr.
Secretary.

(SEAL)

JOHN VALENTINE

(Census Records)

FIRST CENSUS: 1790 - SOUTH CAROLINA

Name of head of family	Free white males of 16 years and upward, including heads of families	Free white males under 16 years	Free white females, including heads of families	All other free persons	Slaves
NINETY-SIX DISTRICT, NEWBERRY COUNTY					
VALENTINE, JOHN	1	2	5		

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CENSUS OF 1800: - SOUTH CAROLINA

Schedule of the whole number of Persons within the Division allotted to GEORGE SHELL.

Name of county, parish, township, town or city, where the family resides	NEWBERRY DISTRICT, SO. CAROLINA
Names of heads of families.	JOHN VOLENTINE
Free white males:	
under 10 years of age.	2
of 10 and under 16	1
Of 16 and under 26, including heads of families	1
Of 45 and upwards, including heads of families	1
Free white females:	
Under 10 years of age.	-
Of 10 and under 16	2
Of 16 and under 26, including heads of families	2
Of 26 and under 45, including heads of families	1
Slaves	7

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JOHN VALENTINE
(Census Records)

CENSUS OF 1810 - SOUTH CAROLINA

Schedule of the whole number of persons within the Division allotted to
CHAS. CRINSHAW

Name of county, parish, township, town or city, where family resides	NEWBERRY DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA
Names of heads of families	JOHN VALENTINE
Free white males:	
of 10 and under 16	1
Of 16 and under 26, including heads of families	2
Of 45 and upwards, including heads of families	1
Free white females:	
Under 10 years of age	1
Of 16 and under 26, including heads of families	1

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CENSUS OF 1820 - SOUTH CAROLINA

SCHEDULE of the whole number of Persons with the division allotted to
WILLIAM BROWN

Name of the County, parish, township, town or city,	NEWBERRY DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA
Names of heads of families	JOHN VALENTINE
Free white males:	
Of 45 and upwards, including heads of families.	1
Free white females:	
Of 45 and upwards, including heads of families	1
	1
Foreigners not naturalized	1

JOHN VALENTINE

(Family Records)

The following is a list of names of the children of John Valentine and the dates of their birth:

Rebecca Valentine	b	October 19, 1778.
John C. Valentine	"	July 22, 1780.
Mary Valentine	"	July 26, 1782.
Elizabeth Valentine	"	September 4, 1785.
Zachariah Valentine	"	January 17, 1788.
Margaret Valentine	"	January 21, 1790.
Benjamin Valentine	"	March 29, 1792.
Thomas Valentine	"	January 18, 1795.
William Valentine	"	March 23, 1797.
Jesse Valentine	"	January 24, 1799.
Drucilla Valentine	"	March 7, 1801

All the above names were given to me by Mr. Robert Johnson who lived at Ralph, Alabama, at the time. He gave me the original list from his own records and it is in my Safety Deposit Lock Box in the National Bank of Commerce in Memphis, Tennessee, at this time.

My grandfather, Jesse Monroe Valentine, was named for his youngest uncle. My father, William Jesse Valentine, was named by my grandfather for William Valentine and Jesse Valentine (above) and they were his youngest great-uncles.

I have record of the deaths of some of the children of John Valentine of Newberry District, South Carolina, and they will appear on the list where I have tried to record the dates of all deaths in the family.

JOHN JACKSON VALENTINE

1957

Notes on the family records of the children of John Valentine of Newberry, South Carolina.

There were eleven children whose births were recorded. Of these children I have set forth records found for John C. Valentine, who was my own great grandfather, Benjamin Valentine, Dr. Thomas Valentine, Zachariah Valentine and Rebecca Valentine.

Up to this time I have not found any record of Mary Valentine, Elizabeth Valentine, Margaret Valentine, William Valentine, Jesse Valentine and Drucilla Valentine.

I do know that records tell that the girls may have married into the Whitmire, Lyles, Hatton, McCracken or Gordon families. These families all lived in the same community and one of the boys married a Gordon, another married a Stacks. One of the girls (Rebecca) married (1) a Johnson and (2) a Stacks. And when the families moved west the Johnsons, the Stacks, the McCrackens, the Pratts, the Fishers, the Nolands and the Valentines all came through together to Alabama.

My father, William Jesse Valentine was named for his two youngest great uncles.

The name, Drucilla, still appears in the family.

I expect to continue my search and will add such results as I obtain to this record from time to time.

JOHN JACKSON VALENTINE

Copy of letter from William C. Lake

Union, South Carolina
1 March 1952

Dear Mr. Valentine:

You may have the following information free for what it is worth to you:

Records of Conveyance in the Clerk of Court's office for Union county show that John, Benjamin and John C. Valentine purchased lands in Union county. The first buy was by John in 1811. After 1819 I find no conveyances.

Should I learn of any persons by your name in this neck of the woods I'll be glad to send you their names and addresses.

Sincerely yours.

(Signed) William C. Lake

JOHN VALENTINE

Copy of letter from Mr. William C. Lake, Genealogist

Union, So. Carolina

Dear Mr. Valentine:

Maybe the following will be helpful to you:

VOLUNTINE(Valentine) John was in Newberry, South Carolina, district during the time of the American Revolution.

He had four sons - and four daughters - Zacariah, John C., Benjamin and Dr. Thomas, Rebecca married[1], a .... Stack, (2) a ..... Johnson. The other two girls married a Hatton and a Whitmire.

John C. was born in 1780, He married Ruth Rebecca Gordon, a granddaughter of Major Thomas Gordon, an officer in the state militia during the Revolution.

Zacariah died about 1828 - leaving - legatees,

Thomas L., Sarah F., John S., and Margaret C.

Sincerely yours,

William C. Lake

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1. Reference is made to the family of John Valentine of Newberry District, South Carolina, in "Newberry County, South Carolina" by Mr. George Leland Summers, Sr., on page 290 in which only eight of the eleven children of John Valentine are mentioned: Zacariah, John C., Benjamin and Dr. Thomas, as well as Rebecca who married (1) Stacks and (2) Johnson. He mentioned John C. Valentine's marriage to Ruth Rebecca Gordon, a granddaughter of Major Thomas Gordon.

2. O'Neall's "Annals of Newberry refers to the Valentines along with many other families on page ____.

JOHN VOLLENTINE

Court Records

ABSTRACT OF ESTATE OF JOHN VOLENTINE, SR. FROM RECORDS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE PROBATE JUDGE FOR NEWBERRY COUNTY, S. C.

Indexed as follows:

Deceased	Admr.	Year	Box	Pkg.	Est.
"John Volentine, Sr.	John H. Hatton	1829	88	229	28hr"

Item 1. John H. Hatton applied for Letters of Administration on all the goods and chattels, rights and credits of John Volentine, late of Newberry District, unto William Wilson, Ordinary of Newberry District, on the 14th of December, 1829 - and the Odrinary cited and admonished the kindred and creditors to appear before him at the next Ordinary's Court of said District, to be held at Newberry courthouse on the third Monday of the month to show cause, if any, why the said Administration Letters should not be granted.

"Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of December, 1829 and in the 54th year of American Independence.

W. Wilson, O. N. D. (Seal)

This Citation was read aloud in a public hearing at Newberry Court House Dec. 14, 1829 by W. McKee. Also read at a public company at McMorrie's Store on Dec. 15, 1829 and in a public company at Esquire Gray's on 19th of December 1829 by Wm. Eppes.

Item 2. John H. Hatton was granted Letters of Administration on the estate of John Volentine, Sr., late of Newberry District and appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods, rights and credits of said deceased on the 23rd, day of December, 1829 by W. Wilson, Ordinary of Newberry District.

(This places the date of death of John Volentine, Sr., on or about 14th day of November, 1829 - one month prior to the granting of Letters of Administration as was the usual custom, or law, of that period) BCD

Item 3 John H. Hatton, James J. Caldwell and Robert Dugan gave Bond unto William Wilson, Ordinary of Newberry District, in the sum of $800.00 that the said John H. Hatton do perform the duties as Administrator and make a true account unto the Ordinary's Court, Etc.

Signed, sealed and delivered on 23rd, December, 1829 in the presence of :

Wm. Davis

John H. Hatton (LS.)
James J. Caldwell (LS.)
Robert Dugan (LS.)

Item 4. Warrant for appraisement of the goods, etc., of John Volentine, Sr. as shown them by Jno H. Hatton, Admr. was issued unto Wm. Eppes, Nathan Whitmire, James McCracken, James Roberts and David Wells, that on the 4th day of January, 1830 three of above named to make a true and just appraisement of Est. of John Volentine, Sr., and return same to John H. Hatton, Adm. on or before second Monday of February next. Appraisers sign.

Sworn to before me the day and year before written.

Wm. Eppes, Jr.

his
Davis x Wells
mark
Nathan Whitmire

William Whitmire

Item 5. "Appraise Bill of the Effects of John Volentine, deceased, Jan. 4, 1830".

One lot of Books and saddle bags	$ 5.50
One Bay Horse	35.00
One Desk & walking stick	15.12 1/2
One Gig & spurs & bed & furniture	33.75

Signed: William Whitmire
Nathan Whitmire
his
Davis x Wells
mark

William Eppes, Jr.

"Sale Bill of the Effects of John Volentine, deceased, Jan 6th, 1830".

John Rogers	1 Bay Horse	$ 51.50
Nathan Glenn	1 gig	18.35
Samuel Johnston	1 Bed & furniture	10.00
John Volentine	1 pr. Spurs	.56-1/2
James McCracken	1 pr. saddlebags	3.50
John Volentine	1 Scotts Family bible ...	3.50
William Gordon	1 Bachs Dictionary	1.06-1/4
Samuel McKee	1 Witherspoon's work	1.78
Zack Johnstone	1 Dictionary.....	.12-1/2
John Law	2 books	.16
John Volentine	1 desk	14.75

Gig sold to Nathan Glen was resold for $13.00.

The following is written on back of Sale Bills : John H. Hatton Admr.

Item 6. " In the possession of deceased, John Volentine, were found 2 notes one made by Jno. H. Hatton for $24.00 dated 1, Jan. 1829 due one day after date, the other made by Henry Gray for $65.00, due 12 mos. after date, 29, January 1829. Also, receipt purporting to have been given by Jas. J. Caldwell (for collection of several notes and due bills) which was given to Zachariah Volentine, agent of Jno. Volentine. 1 note made by Nathaniel R. Wood & Reuben Clifton for $150.00 payable to Jas. J. Caldwell (or bearer) on 1st December 1822 and dated 2, September 1822 and witnessed by Geo. Kinard - credit of $35.00 on 27th February 1826; $10.00 March 3, 1827; $10.00 paid in 1828. Note made by Thos. McMaster for $53.92 payable one day after date - 11th August 1827.

Due bill made by James Gauntt for $20.00 dated 1 October, 1828 payable like former note to Jas. J. Caldwell or bearer.
Due bill made by John Taylor for $70.00 payable to Jas. J. Caldwell or bearer on 1 January 1828 dated 8 January 1827.

Note signed Jacob Loner (by his mark) for $50.00 dated 9 January, 1826 and payable to Jas. J. Caldwell on 1 June 1826, wirnessed by Dennis F. Moon liable to credit of $15.65 February 23, 1827.

Due bill signed by P. Waters for $25.00 dated 5 January 1828 payable to Jas. J. Caldwell.

Due bill signed by John Caldwell for $13.65 dated 12 May 1828 payable to Jas. J. Caldwell (which said notes and due bills were transferred, endorsed and assigned to said John Volentine by said Jas. J. Caldwell on 4 October 1828 the said receipt is liable to a credit of $50.00 in part of amount of notes mentioned, which Zachariah Volentine gave a receipt for on 10 October 1828 and which was afterwards on 22 December 1828 credited on this receipt which will more fully appear by reference to the receipt aforesaid.

The Admr. also found $24.00 in cash in the possession of the deceased John Volentine.

Signed: John H. Hatton, Admr.

No Receipts of anything nor names of legatees filed with other papers in File 88 -- 229 -- 2844. (BCD)

Item 7. Return on Estate of John Volentine, deceased, for 1830.

1830	Paid Sam'l McKee for Coffin ..	$ 3.00
	Paid Andrew Spence Subscription to church	3.00 *
	Paid Nathan Whitmire, Appraiser	1.00
	Paid Ledford Rogers on account	10.47
	Paid Dr. B. Chick - on account	2.56
1830	By cash received at death of intestate ..	$24.00

Sworn to as just and true return on the Estate of John Volentine, on 21st February 1831.

John H. Hatton, Admr.

Item 8. Return on Estate of John Volentine, deceased for 1831, made by John H. Hatton, Admr.

1831	Paid Jas. Hunter on account	$ 4.40
	Paid Thos. Dennie, on account	1.25
	Paid Ordinary's fees	7.54
	Paid Jno. Caldwell, on account	20.93
	Paid Admr. of Jas.Flanagan, dec'd .. on January 7, 1831.	69.84
1831	February 21 - by Am't received P. Waters-note on list	$29.50

Attest: a true return, April 6, 1832.

John H. Hatton, Admr.

* Probably the old Lower Duncan's Creek Church established in 1787, located about 4 miles from the present town of Whitmire. (BCD)

COPY OF LETTER

NEAL W. WORKMAN
Judge of Probate
Box 411

Newberry, S. C. June 20, 1928

Mr. J. J. Valentine, 69 No. McNeil, St.,
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. relative to John and Benj. Valentine. I find no record in this office of Benj. Valentine or of any other Valentine except the following:

John Valentine, Sr., who seems to have died some time prior to the 13 Dec. 1829, as on that date application was made for Letters of Administration on his estate (he left no will). John H. Hatton was appointed Administrator on December 23, 1829. There is in the record no statement of the children or wife of said decedent, or of any other heirs. (File 88:229:2844 - BCD).

Zackariah Valentine, who died prior to 23 November 1829. No mention is made of any wife. It appears from settlement of his estate, made in 1836, that his heirs were: Thomas L. Valentine, Sarah F. Valentine, John S. Valentine, and Margaret C. Valentine. Since these each received an equal amount of the estate, it is presumed that they were children. The record in Box 151, Estate No. 1569 (SB-Box 61: pkg.151: Est. No. 1569 BCD).

The custodian of deeds is Dr. H. K. Boyd, Newberry, S. C.

Yours very truly,

S. Neal W. Workman, Probate Judge

Abstract of Deed "B" p-13.

Indexed "" John Valentine, Grantees- etal. - Grantors - Thos. Gordon- date 22, Sept. 1791."

1791 - This Indenture made 22, Sept. 1791 between Thos. Gordon, Sr. of Newberry Dist. South Carolina, of one part and John Valentine and Thomas McCrackin, of same place, of the other part - that said Thomas Gordon, for and in consideration of 90 pounds sterling paid by John Valentine and Thos. McCrackin, Sr., sold them a tract, or plantation, of land in Newberry County, State of South Carolina, containing 250 Acres, which was originally granted to Wm. Winchester on 20 Aug. 1767 by Hon. Chas. Grenville Montague, Gov. etc., of South Carolina, and recorded in the Secretary's office in Grant book BBB: p. 128, situated in the county and State Aforesaid, between Broad and Saluda Rivers on Beaver Dam, a branch of Bush River- bounded at time of survey on all sides by vacant lands as appears in the original plat. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us:

Charles Threwitt — Signed - Thomas Gordon (LS
J. Kelly

(No dower attached)

N. B. The above deed shows John Valentine and Thos. McCrackin acquired land as early as Sept. 1791 in central part of Newberry Co. on Beaver Dam Crk. a branch of Bush River.

But John Volentine had a grant of 300 A. prior to 1791 - Jan. 21, 1785, see Deed "N": 295" and Deed "P":250".

VALENTINE

Records of Deeds - Newberry County, S. C.

Book P - Page 255 should be P - 250 (BCD)
John Valentine conveys 200 (should be 300) acres on Enoree River to James P. Caldwell, year 1828.

Book N - Page 294 - should be N: 295.
John Valentine conveys 172 (172.8) acres on Enoree River to Zacariah Valentine - this being a part of the 300 acres originally granted to John Valentine in 1785.

Book B - Page 7
John Valentine Lattiner gives to John Richardson (grand-child) 50 acres land in Newberry County, bounded on lands of Jacob Kepperman, in year 1791.

Book B - Page 13.
Thomas Gordon transfers to John Valentine and Thomas McCrackin, in year 1791, 250 acres land situated on Beaver Dam Creek and a branch of Bush River, this land was originally in 1767 to William Winchester.

Book D - Page 348.
Land conveyed in 1774 to Valentine Luttinger from Peter Strassinger.

Abstract of deed recorded in Deed Boos "N" page 295
Indexed: "Grantor - Jno. Valentine - Grantee - to Zachariah Valentine. Dated 6 March 1820, Bk. N; page 295".

1820 - John Valentine, of Newberry Dist.,South Carolina, deeded to Zachariah Volentine of the same place, a tract of land containing 172.8 acres in Newberry Dist. on Enoree River, bound by the River, lands of William Stacks, I. Threwitts, John Dugans and William Beard, being part of a tract granted to me, the said Jno. Volentine, on 21 Jan. 1785, for 300 acres. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us on 6 March, 1820.

J. D. Casey) (signed) John Vollentine (LS)
William Hatton)

Margaret Vollentine, wife of the within John Vollentine, signed, release of her dower rights (by making her mark x) on 6, March, 1820 before James Flanagan, J. Q.

N. B. No consideration named in above deed which indicates that this was deed of gift from John V. to his son, Zachariah Vollentine, (BCD). It also indicates that Margaret, wife of John Vollentine, died between 1820 and 1828 when John V. sold 300 acres originally granted to him on 21 Jan. 1785, to James Caldwell for $1,000.00 - Deed P:250. (Margaret, wife of Jno. Vollentine was probably Margaret Dugan?).

Abstract Deed recorded in Deed Book "P", page 250
Indexed " Grantoe- Jno. Volentine - Grantee Jos. Caldwell - dated 9 Sept. 1828; recorded 13 October 1828, Bk. P-250".

1828 - John Valentine of Newberry Dist. State of South Carolina, in consideration of $1,000.00 paid by James Caldwell, of same place, a tract of land containing 300 acres, situate in Newberry Dist. S. C., on south side of Enoree River, bounding S. E. by Enoree River, S. by lands of Zachariah Valentine; S. W. by lands of Wm. Beard; N. by Enoree River; W and N. W. by lands belonging to John H. Hatton and Wm. Beard - "which said tract was originally granted to me (John Valentine) on 21 Jan. 1785" - Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us on this 9, Sept. 1828.

Zachoriah Valentine) Signed John Valentine (LS)
John H. Hatton)

(No dower)

N. B. See Deed - "N;295-" the above tract in Deed P ;25" and "N:295" seem to be the same land. It surely is conveying the whole property or correctingthe above deed.

(Deed Book P - page 250)

John Valentine conveyed to James P. Caldwell - 300 acres land on the South side of Enoree River, bounded S. E. by Enoree River, on south by lands of Zachariah Valentine, S. W. by lands of Wm. Beard and west and north west by lands of Jno. Hatton, and N. W. by Enoree River, originally granted to him (John Valentine) in the year 1785. Date of this conveyance - Sept. 9, 1828.

Witnesses: Zachariah Valentine
John H. Hatton

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(Deed Book N - 295)

John Valentine sold to Zacariah Valentine for a money consideration, 172-8/10 acres on Enoree River (part of tract granted to him in 1785.) Date of conveyance 3/6/1820.

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P A R T TWO

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JOHN C. VALENTINE

Census Records

1830 UNION DISTRICT,
SOUTH CAROLINA.

Schedule of the whole number of Persons within the Division allotted to Daniel Thomas ... by the Marshall of the District (or Territory) of South Carolina.

Name of head of family	Free white persons (including heads of families Males:	Free white persons (including heads of families Female:	Slaves Males:	Slaves Female:	Total	White persons included in the foregoing
John C. Valentine	3	2			5	

Males - Under 5 years of age	..	.. -
Males - of 5 and under 10	..	.. 1
Males - of 10 and under 15	..	.. 1
Males - of 40 and under 50	..	.. 1
Females - of 15 and under 20	..	.. 2

Deeds to Valentines recorded in Union County, S. C.

Robert Leverett to John Valentine	Date: August 8th, 1810 Recd. May 25th, 1811 in Record Book or Deed Book "L" p. 10.

Deed to three small negro slaves 5 to one years old, named "Lucy", "Anny", and "Mahani": Consideration $ 247.73.

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John Savage to John C. Valentine	Date: Nov. 7th, 1815 Recd. Feb. 5th, 1816 in Deed Book "N" pp. 124.

Deed to (130) acres of land on branch of Brown's Creek, not very far from the present town of Union. Consideration $150.00

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John Savage to John C. Valentine	Date : Nov. 7th, 1815 Recd. Feb. 5th, 1816 in Deed Book "N" pp. 126

Deed to (215) acres of land situated on branches of Brown and Tinker Creeks. Consideration $250.00

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William Sims to John C. Valentine	Date: March 5th, 1816 Recd: Sept. 2, 1816 in Deed Book "N" pp. 222

(271) acres, more or less. This land appears to be near the other aforementioned lands. Consideration $540.00.

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Joshua Paulk to Benjamin Valentine	Date: Feb. 7th, 1820 Recd. Feb. 7th, 1820 in Deed Book "P" pp. 494

(178) acres of land on waters of Fairforest Creek. Plat of land is shown, said plat was made on July 30th, 1919.
Consideration $400.00.

The records in the office of R. of M. C. show that John, John C, and Benjamin Valentine conveyed tracts of land, four conveyances from the year 1813 to the year 1831. The last conveyance of record was from John C. Valentine to Phebe Paulk in the year 1831.

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UNION COUNTY

Equity : (Decree A-142) - Jno. C. Valentine Vs. Samuel O. Johnson and Zacariah. Sale of land in 1832.

(Bill 207) Jno. Valentine and S. O. Johnson owned land together- Valentine moved away and left Johnson on lands which he operated but depreciated and were sold. Valentine files suit in equity for his share of value of lands.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GENERAL LAND OFFICE
WASHINGTON

Mar. 23, 1928

In reply please refer
to 1289511 "B" AMG

Information

Mr. J. J. Valentine
C/O J. Goldsmith & Sons Company
Memphis, Tennessee

My dear Sir:

Our records show that John C. Valentine entered the NE-1/4, NE-1/4 Sec. 7, T 24 N., R. 2E., St. Stb. M., April 25th, 1835, Tuscaloosa C. E. 14640. On this same day he also entered the W-1/2, NE 1/4 this section, township and range, Tuscaloosa C. E. 14641. On May 4th, 1835 he entered the SE-1/4 NE- 1/4 Sec. 7 T. 24 N., R. 2E., Tuscaloosa C. E. 14663. Patents for the above land issued in his name April 1, 1837.

There is nothing to indicate that the applications for these entries were sent to this office. The papers on file with the cases give his address as Pickins County, Alabama. Carrollton is the county seat.

According to the map the above described land is located in Greene County, Alabama. An examination of the local records kept at Eutaw, the county seat, should disclose what disposition was made of the land and who are the present owners.

There is no U. S. Land Office in Alabama now. The last one was at Montgomery and it was discontinued June 30, 1927.

There is no charge for this information. A check of the receiving clerk for $1.00 is herewith inclosed returning the remittance that accompanied your letter of March 13, 1928.

Very respectfully,

signed - Thos. A. Howell

Assistant Commissioner

3-22-nt.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GENERAL LAND OFFICE

WASHINGTON May 19, 1928

In reply please refer to
128951 "D" AMG

Mr. J. J. Valentine,
69 No. McNeil St.,
Memphis, Tennessee

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 3rd, 1928, an examination of the papers on file in connection with Tuscaloosa C. E. 14640, 14641, and 014663, all in the name of John C. Valentine, discloses the affidavit filed with the case first mentioned, that was sworn to by Valentine April 25, 1835.

A photostat copy of this affidavit will be furnished for 15 cents, uncertified, or 40 cents certified. See circular inclosed.

Very respectfully,

signed - D. K. Parrott
Acting Assistant
Commissioner

5-19-acc.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GENERAL LAND OFFICE
WASHINGTON

April 20, 1928

In reply please refer to
1289511 "B" AMG

Mr. J. J. Valentine
69 No. McNeil St.
Memphis, Tennessee

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 2, 1928, the records of the land office formerly at Montgomery, Alabama, were sent here when that office was discontinued.

An examination of the papers on file with Tuscaloosa C. E. 14640, 14641, and 14663, all in the name of John C. Valentine, fails to give any information of a personal character other than his address, which was in Pickens County, Alabama. You may be able to get the names of the father and mother of the entryman from the old records at Carrollton, the county seat of Pickins County.

Very respectfully,

signed - Thos. C. Howell
Assistant Commissioner

4-18-jg

1289511
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GENERAL LAND OFFICE

June 6, 1928

I hereby certify that the annexed copy of affidavit, filed under Tuscaloosa C. E. 14640, is a -

true and literal exemplification of the original on file in this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of this office to be affixed, at the City of Washington, on the day and year above written

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Assistant Commissioner of the General Land Office.

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I do solemly swear that, on or about the 22nd day of April 1835 I personally inspected the NE-1/4 of Section 7-Township 24 Range 2-E in the district of land subject to sale at Tuscaloosa, and that there was not, at that time, any person residing thereon, or cultivating the same;

Document 1289511 .. (continued)

and I do not believe that any pre-emption right exists thereto, under the Act of 29th May, 1830, or that of the 19th June, 1834.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Tuscaloosa, the 25th day of April 1835.

In witness whereof I, John C. Valentine have hereunto set my hand and seal, on day and year aforesaid.

signed - John C. Valentine

Wm. G. Baldwine, Notary Public

I procured this certificate so that my great grandfather's handwriting could be shown. He had signed the original and I have the photostat copy.

JJV

COPY OF WILL OF JESSE GORDON

The State of Alabama
Green County

In the name of God
Amen. I, Jesse Gordon of the State and County aforesaid, being in my proper and sound mind, and knowing the uncertainty of life, have thought proper to make and constitute this my last will and testament, to dispose of such temporal goods as it has pleased God to bestow upon me. First, it is my will and desire that all my just and lawful debts be paid. Secondly, it is my will that my niece Margaret E. G. Valentine has two negros namely, Caroline a girl aged about seventeen years, and Daniel, a boy about fourteen years of age, also one horse, feather bed and furniture. Thirdly, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Dorcas N. Gordon, my carriage and match horses independent of my other property. I also will that my wife Dorcas N. Gordon have all the balance of my estate, both real and personal during her natural life and after her decease the one half to revert to my full brothers and sisters, and their children, namely, Thomas Gordon, the children of Ruth Valentine deceased, and the children of John C. Gordon deceased, Elizabeth Verden, Mary Whitlock and Samuel O. Gordon, and William Gordon. Fourthly, I will that full power be given my Executors to dispose of a certain tract of land lying in Greene County, Ala., upon which Jesse M. Stevens now lives as they may think proper also that they have full power to dispose of certain tracts or parcels of land being situated in the state of Mississippi and in the county of Leek. I also will, that should any of the slaves that I have willed to my wife Dorcas N. Gordon prove refractory and disobedient to her control that full power be given my Executors to sell or dispose of said slave or slaves as they may think advisable. Lastly, I do hereby appoint that my wife Dorcas N. Gordon, and my brother Samuel O. Gordon to Executrix and Executor to this my last will and testament. Given under my hand and seal this 25th day of April A. D. 1847.

Jesse Gordon (Seal)

Wit:
Jonathan Harris
Jesse W. Fulgham
J. M. Spencer

A true copy
March 29, 1848

A. R. Davis, Clerk.

REGISTER OF CERTIFICATES
TUSCALOOSA
Nos. 1-29144, 1821-1854.

April 25, 1835 .. 14640 .. John C. Valentine - Pickens County Section or part ?? 7 - Township 24 - Range 2E - Acres 39 and 89 1/2 hundreth - Dollars per acre 1 - Cents per acre 25 - Amount of purchase $49.86.

April 25th, 1835 .. 14641 .. John C, Valentine - Pickens County- Section or part ?? Township 24, Range 2 - Acres 79 and 79 one hundreth - Dollars per acre 1 - cents per acre 25 - Amount of purchase $99.74.

May 4th, 1835 .. 14663 .. John C. Valentine - Pickens County- Section or part S. E. ?? 7 - Township 24, Range 2 E - Acres 39 and 89 and one half one hundreths - Dollars per acre 1 - Cents per acre 25 - Amount of purchase $49.86.

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Newspaper clipping

GREENE COUNTY DEMOCRAT

Jas. S. Coleman, Editor

Entered at the Post Office at Eutaw, Alabama, as second class matter.

SUBSCRIPTION $1.50 a YEAR.

Thursday May 24th, 1928

INFORMATION WANTED

John C. Valentine was buried in Greene County, Alabama about 1840. He lived in the northern part of Greene County. I would like to communicate with anyone who knows where he is buried.

J. J. Valentine, Memphis, Tenn.
C/O J. Goldsmith & Sons Co.

GREENE COUNTY DEMOCRAT

Jas. S. Coleman, Editor

Eutaw, Alabama

April 30, 1928.

Mr. J. J. Valentine
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 27th, wish to advise you that, rates for the Want Ads Notices is 7 cents per word. I do not personally know any one who can tell me about where the grave of your father is, but, the two oldest cemeteries in the Mantua District are at Beulah and Hebron. However, an inquiry through the paper, might secure you the desired information from someone living in that section.

Very truly,

Jas. S. Coleman

Eutaw, Alabama
R. F. D. 2-D 45

J. J. Valentine
Memphis,
Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

The Valentines are buried at Hebron Church. They are related to me. My grandmother was a Valentine. Hebron is in the northern part of the County.

Yours truly,

Mrs. C. S. Reynolds

P. S.
I was a McCracken before I married. My father's name was John Valentine McCracken.

Eutaw, Alabama

R. 2 B. 26

J. J. Valentine
Memphis, Tennessee.

I noticed your inquiry about J. C. Valentine in Greene Co. Democrat, and my grandmother, being a Valentine, I thought we might be related. Grandmother's name was Rebecca, she was twice married. The first time to a Johnson, second my Father's father Stack. She had two Johnson children, John S. and Margaret. John S. has a son at Ralph, Ala. She had two brothers and came hear to this country with her from S. C. their names were Tom and Ben. Uncle Tom was a Dr. never married. Uncle Ben married, his wifes given name was Patsey but I can't think who she was and I can't think what Grandmother's father's name was but I believe they are the same people. They are all buried hear at Hebron cemetery in North Greene County. Uncle Ben has some great grandchildren at Carolton, Alabama, Pickens County.

I am the only Stack living hear and am 79 years old, my people came from South Carolina.

I feel like this J. C. Valentine is buried at this cemetery I mentioned for was good many that father told me were Valentines and my people are all buried there two, all of the old people are dead, I am the oldest person right in hear now. I would be glad to hear from you, if you can tell me anything more about this J. C. V.

I am,

Mrs. J. P. Wells

Eutaw, Ala. May 28, 1928

R 2..B 26.

Eutaw, Alabama
June 26, 1928

Mr. J. J. Valentine
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

I received your letter this A. M. I got in my car and went to Hebron and there is a small monument there in the grave yard with this inscription on it: In Memory of .. .. ..

John C. Valentine
Borned - July 22, 1780
Died March 9, 1836

This is the only Valentine monument there. There is a childs grave by the side of his grave with no tomb. I went to see an old lady that has lived almost in sight of the grave yard all her life, and she says she thinks there is a Dr. Valentine buried there, but if there is, there's no mark, unless it is this John C. Valentine. I want to go see some more parties in a few days and if I learn any more I'll write you.

No, I do not know any of the kinfolks still living in South Carolina.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. C. S. Reynolds

P. S.
I'm glad to do anything I can for you, in this matter. I'm sure we are related. There's a good many McCracken monuments there in Hebron cemetery,

Mrs. C. S. R.

Mr. J. J. Valentine
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Valentine:

Your letters to hand telling me so much I had forgotten Grandmother's maiden name but it is the same. Ruth Rebecca Valentine. so surely they are the same for Cousin Sam Brasfield's son, Sam used to come to see us. (Cousin Rebecca's son) and her this son still lives in Tuscaloosa, Alabama or was a few years ago.

And William Gorden is hear in Eutaw City, I live out 11 miles from town, 4 miles from Union Road.

Now I wonder if you are one of Cousin McValentine's sons he went to Miss and I think died there (seeing this in Mrs. Reynolds letter) she was mistaken about his grandmother's maiden name. She was a sister to father Stacks, it was his G. G. M. that was a Valentine, his father was named for his G. G. M. Her (Mrs. Raynolds) and myself were first cousins.

Now the Stack, Valentines and Johnsons all came from Newberry, S. C. I heard father speak of Newberry and Union, they moved in wagons, some rode on the milk cows. I have my grandmother Johnson (mother's m.) chair she brought from S. C. with her, she always sit on it to card her rolls to spin.

Now the old Johnson place is near hear I was raised near Mantua, Ala. Father's father rented land up there so did the Valentines, and Johnson's on father's side and one of father's half brothers (John Valentine Johnson) married Cousin Jim Valentine's widow, she had one child. She is dead, has a grandaughter at Ralph, Ala. and son by Uncle John V. Johnson (this girl name Leola B. Fisher). You could write her probably they can tell you something because Cousin Bob knows Hebrun cemetery as well as anybody and understands the land much better than I ever did.

Yes, you can get Jackson Pratt at Carrollton, Ala. he is a G. G. S. of Cousin Ben V. there are some girls there to they teach and are in and out of Jack - is there most of the time he practices law and has a home there, I think his mother (Janice L. Pratt) is dead. Laura O. Valentine (now Tess) lives somewhere in Tuscaloosa Jack can tell you where she is she knows about his people.

I don't know where there are any of these Valentines graves or not at Hebron but I know father told me where they were buried but that was years ago, don't know where I could find them now everything has changed so, so many been buried there since I was there, if there is nothing to mark them. I want my daughter to go see for me just as soon as she can. I am not able to go myself I never leave home my health won't allow me to go. I am a widow only have one child I live with her on a farm.

About the Hester Valentine - I think was a mistake. Martha Valentine married Cousin Bob Storey had a daughter named Hester she went to Tex. She had 3 children they are all dead now I never knew a Hester Valentine (Only cousin Joel's wife) could of been tho, and I never knew but cousin Martha had a girl named Hester and went to Tex. we all used to correspond.

The old people are all dead and no one to talk old times to me now so I've forgotten so many I'd get out father's old letters some time and see if I can find out more and have none of mother's, the Bible I have hasn't no old records in it - you might find something at Eutaw on record or Carrollton, I don't remember which was Co. site as this was Pickens Co.

When father and them moved hear and some records were destroyed by fire at Carrolton I know my husband's people were at Carrollton and were buried.

Now if you say so I'll see what I can find out hear in town (my daughter's will at the probate office.) And if I can think of any more women or anything I'll write. I can't think of anything else now would love to see you and talk to you. What was your father's name?

Hoping to hear from you at an early date.

I am yours sincerely,

Mrs. J. P. Wells,
Eutaw, Ala. R2 -B 26.

C/O M. B. Crawford

June 13, 1928

Carrollton, Alabama

Tuesday 2:30

1932170

Dear Cousin:

Your most welcome letter rec'd and read with pleasure I am still at Carrollton, don't know just how long I'll stay, probably several days unless I am called home. My home is in Tuscaloosa as I have before informed you, have made it my home since the death of my husband.

You asked me to keep a memorandum of the old stories of the family but must tell you I don't know very much about them. I cannot remember of ever seeing my father nor none of his brothers only one Uncle and that is Uncle Tommie. I sent you a number of names of the Brasfield family in the letter you didn't receive. You may think me very inquisitive you wrote about your brother-in-law attending school in Tuscaloosa, tell me his name. You also think me very impolite but please don't see it in that way for I sure don't mean it that way. Tell me something about yourself. Now don't think me rude for asking those questions I merely want to know. Well I guess I've said enough for the present but I must say I wrote you such a sorry letter before so I will make apologies it was nearly mail time so I just picked up such paper as I could find.

Now I will ask you to write real soon.

I am as ever your cousin

Laura C. Teer

P. S.

I wrote to Cousin Robert Johnson as it was your desire. In answer he wrote me he wasn't able to give any further information of our relatives he had wrote you all he knew.

Your affectionate cousin

Laura C. Teer

Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Route # 3

Tuesday, 4 P. M.

Dear Sister:

I am sending you this letter as I don't know anything to write him. I don't even know anything about our grandfather, don't remember ever seeing him but one time just can remember that will you answer for me?

I guess you know Cousin Bill Stacks and John V. Johnson were half brothers. I don't know if this will be help or not but it is all I can tell.

Your sister,

Lolla

P. S. All of the names I send you are kin to the Valentines and also Jeff Gorden and the Jay's and the Gosa's also the Bond's as you know - John V. Johnson was father's first cousin.

J L T

JESSE MONROE VALENTINE

MARRIED

PRISCILLA CAROLINE (POLLY) LUTHER

on JANUARY 21st, 1860.

Their children's names follow:

John Jefferson Valentine
George A. Valentine
William Jesse Valentine
Mary Alice Valentine (Mrs. Cliett)
Louisa Ruth Valentine (Mrs. Reid)
Margaret Rebecca Valentine (Mrs. Miller)
Oscar Lee Valentine

William Jesse Valentine was the only son to be married. He is buried in Greenwood Cemetery at West Point, Mississippi. All the other children are dead and all of them are buried in the family plot in the Churchyard at Cairo, Mississippi, out west of West Point, Mississippi.

CIVIL WAR RECORDS

J. M. Valentine, my grandfather, served in the Confederate Army.

The records in the War Department in the Adjutant Generals office show that J. M. Vallentine, also listed as J. M. Valentine, was a Private in Company F., 7th Battalion, Mississippi Infantry, Confederate States Army. He enlisted May 12th, 1862, at Quitman, Mississippi.

STATE OF ALABAMA
Department of Archives and History

Montgomery, Alabama.

May 1, 1928.

A 912
Valentine

My dear Mr. Valentine: -

After a careful search through the land records we are enclosing the only data that we found. We do not think that you are going to find the signature of your great grandfather in the land grants. His letter of application may be in the files but we can give you no idea as to when we will be able to get these in order.

We found in the Census of Greene County, 1850, the name of Jesse M. Valentine. In his family there was one white male under 21, 2 white males over 21, 2 white males between 18 and 45, 1 white male over 45, 1 white female under 21, 1 white female over 21 and 10 slaves. This is the only mention of the name in the Census.

We are returning to you your letter received from the U. S. General Land Office.

You should get in touch with the Judge B. G. Robinson, Carrollton, Alabama, and see if John C. Valentine's will is filed there. It may be that his father's will is filed and the wife and son are mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

Marie B. Owen
Director,
Per M. M.

Mr. J. J. Valentine,
69 No. McNeil Street
Memphis, Tennessee

SCHEDULE 1. Free Inhabitants in the County of Greene, State of Alabama enumerated by me, on the 17th day of Dec. 1850.
F. P. Strother, Ass't Marshal.

Dwelling houses numbered in the order of visitation 945
Families numbered in the order of visitation 945

The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family:

	Age	Sex	Profession	Value of Real Estate	Place of Birth
Jessee Valentine	30	M	Farmer	owned 700	S. C.
Mary Valentine	41	F	..	..	S. C.
*Francis Valentine	33	M	..	..	S. C.

* Invalid for life. He was hurt when he fell from a horse when he was a small child.

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SCHEDULE 1. Free inhabitants in the county of Greene, State of Alabama, enumerated by me, on the 17th day of Dec. 1850.
F. P. Strother, Ass't Marshal.

Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation 909
Families numbered in the order of visitation 909

The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June 1850, was in this family:

	Age	Sex	Profession	Value	Place of Birth
Dorcas N. Gordon	35	F	..	3500	S. C.
Margaret E. G. Valentine	25	F	..	..	S. C.
John White	31	M	Overseer	..	S. C.

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SCHEDULE No. 1. Free inhabitants in Division No. 1, in the county of Chickasaw, State of Mississippi, enumerated by me, on the 24th day of August 1860.

Dwelling houses numbered in the order of visitation 758
Families numbered in the order of visitation 780
The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June 1860, was in this family:

	Age	Sex	Profession	Value of Real Est.	Value of Per. Est.	Place Birth
J. M. Valentine	40	M	Cabinet Maker	300	1450	S. C.
Polly Valentine	38	F	Wife	..	..	Ga.

JESSE MONROE VALENTINE

ABSTRACT

WARRANTY DEED

William T. Eatman

and

Martha Eatman,
his wife

TO
Jesse M. Valentine

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Conveys

N. E. 1/4 of N. E. 1/4 S. 3, T. 23, R.1, E.

In Greene County, Alabama.
Recorded in Record of Deeds No. 9
Pages 397 & 398, Sept. 10th, 1849.

Montpelier, Mississippi
March 28th, 1858.

Dear Cousin:

I embrace the present to write to you. I must inform you that it has been my misfortune to loose another sister since I saw you last. Sister Mary died on the Second inst. after a long confinement and a great deal of suffering. She died at Mr. S. T. Loftons - she was conversed with about death a few hours before she died and expressed a willingness to go and said she was anxious to go but was willing to wait the Lords time. She died of consumption, amid all of her aflictions she was calm and resigned to her fate and was never heard to murmur.

These lines leave me in tolarable health - the connections generally are well as far as I know - very little sickness in my acquaintance now - there has been a great deal this winter of typhoid feaver.

I am living at Montpelier a keeping of batchelors hall - a very unpleasant way of living in deed it is - but circumstances which I am surrounded make it to my interest to do so. I think so at least. I was building before sisters death for a purposes of taking care of her, but her health failed so fast that she could not be moved. I am carrying on a wood shop here. Have quit the cabinet business and am wagon work. Have been so prest with business that I have not got my shop up yet. Am working under a shelter yet. I must come to a close. Give my love to all the friends and relatives and accept the same yourself.

Yours truly,

J. M. Valentine

to WH & MD

Write to me soon as you can conveniently.

IN MEMORIUM

It is with much sadness we chronicle the death of one of our most worthy citizens, Mr. Jesse Valentine.

Just before the soft rays of morning light pierced the darkness of the night, his pure spirit fled to its home on high. But there was no darkness for him, that Christian light which always quided his footsteps made the way perfectly clear and bright. He was a man of the strictest integrity, always needing the voice of conscience, performing what he thought to be his Christian duty, let others judge as they might. He gained the respect and esteem of all. He has left behind a pure and spotless record; not a single dark act can be found that will cast even a shadow o'er his life, and it can be truthfully said of him, he was strictly an honest man. He has left an example which if his children will only follow, will be priceless. To his sorrowing widow and children we offer our heartfelt sympathy, for they have lost a loving father, a most kind and gentle husband. Would that I could offer to them some consolation, but such a boon is not possessed by man. So I will point them to the only One who can give them real comfort, that One who promises to be a father to the fatherless and a husband to the widow. He has permitted him to be carried from them, but where the old grow young again they'll clasp their dear one's hands. And, while we cannot pierce that veiled futurity, we must bow in humble submission to His will, and clinging to that cross which all Christians bear, whisper meekly, "Thy will, O Lord, not mine, be done."

A FRIEND

Cairo, Mississippi, March 16th, 1886

WILLIAM JESSE VALENTINE

MARRIED

VIRGINIA FORD

The following is the list of their children:

John Jackson Valentine

Irma Henrietta Valentine

Mary Clyde Valentine

Frances Virginia Valentine

Hugh Monroe Valentine

William Alonzo Valentine

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WILLIAM JESSE VALENTINE - (continued)

William Jesse Valentine, (born January 21, 1866, at Montpelier, Chickasaw County, later called Cairo, Clay County, Mississippi, died February 16th, 1910, Clay County), and Virginia C. Ford, (born March 15, 1868), the daughter of Hugh Livingston and Henrietta Powell Ford, of Montpelier, Mississippi, were married November 30, 1890, at Montpelier.

Their children:-

1. John Jackson Valentine - born October 18, 1891, at Cairo, Mississippi, married Virginia Townsend, of Coahoma County, Mississippi.

2. Irma Henrietta Valentine - born January 15, 1894, at Cairo, married Wilbur Rainey Watkins, of West Point, Mississippi, and had four daughters;

   a - Virginia Fields
   b - Mary Wilbur
   c - Catherine
   d - Laura Elizabeth

3. Mary Clyde Valentine - born July 29, 1896, at Cairo, died November 8, 1905, at West Point, Mississippi.

4. Frances Virginia Valentine-born May 6th, 1899, at Cairo, died November 11, 1901.

5. Hugh Monroe Valentine - born March 22, 1903, at West Point, Mississippi, married Avis Lee, of West Point and had a son and a daughter:

   a - Hugh Monroe Valentine, Jr.
   b - Patricia Lee Valentine

6. William Alonzo Valentine, born May 21, 1906, at West Point, Mississippi.

My mother, Mrs. William Jesse Valentine (Virginia Ford), lived in her own home in West Point, Mississippi. My youngest brother, William Alonza Valentine, (not married), lived with her. She died on April 21st, 1957 - aged 89 years and 17 days.

My sister, Mrs. Wilbur Rainey Watkins, (Irma Henrietta Valentine) also lives at West Point and her daughter, Virginia Watkins lives with her. Wilbur Rainey Watkins died shortly after Laura Elizabeth was born. Their other children are Mrs. Irwin W. Riley (Mary Wilbur); Mrs. John J. Mooney, Jr., (Katherine) and Mrs. James J. LaRose (Laura Elizabeth).

My sister's grandchildren are Irwin "Win" Windham Riley, Jr., Wilbur Watkins Riley and Dinah Riley, Gary Watkins LaRose, James Robert LaRose, Janice Ellen Mooney, John Watkins Mooney, David Mooney and J. D. Mooney.

My brother, Hugh Monroe Valentine lives at West Point, Mississippi. He married Avis Lee and their children are Hugh Monroe Valentine, Jr. and Patricia Lee Valentine. Patricia Lee Valentine married Don Pounds and she and Don live at Jackson, Tennessee and their little girl's name is Cynthia Lynn Pounds.

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P A R T THREE

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BENJAMIN VALENTINE

I. Census Records

II. Family Records

(Benjamin Valentine, buried at New Hebron Cemetery, appears in many of the Court records of PART ONE and PART TWO.)

(There are many Census records, court records, etc. that can be obtained for the record of Benjamin Valentine.)

(Some of these records appear in the Court records and family records in Part One. I concerned myself principally with the records of his brother, John C. Valentine, my great-grandfather.)

J. J. Valentine.

CENSUS of 1820

SCHEDULE of the whole number of Persons within the Division allotted to James Meng

Union District, South Carolina

Name of head of family .. Benjamin Volentine

White Males:		
Under 10 yrs. of age		1
of 16 and under 26, including heads of families	..	1
Of 26 and under 45, including heads of families	..	1
Free white females:		
Under 10 yrs. of age	..	1
of 16 and under 26, including heads of families	..	1
Number of persons engaged in:		
Agriculture	..	1

CENSUS OF 1850

SCHEDULE 1 - Free inhabitants in Southern District, in the County of Pickens, State of Alabama enumerated by me, on the 20th day of November, 1850.

C. B. Sanders, Ass't Marshal.

Dwelling - houses numbered in the order of visitation .. 1378
Families numbered in the order of visitation 1419

The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.

	Age		Profession	Value of R. Estate	Place of Birth
Benj. Valentine	58	Male	Farmer	160	S. C.
Martha Valentine	53	Female	..		S. C.
James Valentine	23	Male	Teacher		S. C.
Margaret A. Valentine	21	Female			S. C.
Martha Valentine	19	Female			S. C.
Benjamin F. T. Valentine	15	Male			S. C.
Mary Valentine	12	Female			S. C.

VALENTINE & VALENTINE
Attorneys & Counselors at Law
127 South Court Street
Cleveland, Mississippi

October 11, 1956

Hon. John J. Valentine,
Attorney at Law,
373 Shrine Building
Memphis 3, Tennessee.

Dear Johnnie:

Your letters about the Valentine family did not go unappreciated. My office blew up in a gas explosion from under the building last December 1st. Its senior accupant who has been able to work only part time since, together with books, filing cabinets, and many files, were hurled about savagely, including the Valentine File. Much of the time I have been able to attend to anything has been spent truing to locate something important, including the documents you mention. Now only a portion of that file is available. If this is not a sufficient alibi, will make a better effort later. The letter to which you refer must have contained substantially this:

1. Benjamin Valentine, according to my father's best recollection from what he had been told, was born about 1790 or 1795, married a Miss Stacks, came either from or probably through one of the Carolinas (I believe Anderson County, S.C.) and thence to Greene County, Alabama, where he lived through the Civil War and to a ripe olf age. He had a brother Tom ___ Valentine, born about 1800, who never married, and came the same route as Benjamin, who was my great grandfather. Benjamin had children, probably among others, as follows:

2. (a) Joel Kennedy Valentine, my grandfather, who was born about 1818 in South Carolina. Some of this family was at one time in Anderson County, yet it may not be that Benjamin was there. Joel Kennedy Valentine married Hester McPherson in Anderson County, S. C., as we understand, and removed to Rome, Georgia before the Civil War, during which he died, but may have removed to Greene County, Alabama before his death. My record is not clear as to this.

(b) Martha Valentine, born about 1812, married S.(maybe Sebe) Story. Likewiaw probably in South Carolina.

(c) Mary Valentine, born about 1823, married Jim Story, and had a child, Jim Story, Jr., born about 1850.

(D) Jim ___ Valentine, born about 1820, married about 1850, likewise probably in South Carolina, probably had several children, but the only one my father could remember in his

late years was called "Tiny". This Jim Valentine died or was killed in the Civil War.

(e) Frank Valentine, born about 1825, never married, and was killed in the Civil War.

Joel Kennedy Valentine "2.-" above, had one son Robert Valentine, Called Bobbie, who went to Texas, never married, and died young, daughters, Martha, Laura and Jane Valentine, and maybe others I cannot recall. Jane married Jim Pratt, jolly and fine enough to be Irish but as to which I am not certain, and they had daughters, Hester, Ida and I am humiliated in being unable to call the other daughter's name, as well as we love her and she will see a copy of this letter, (Lee, of course). Another son was Frank, and then Jack Pratt, of Carrolton, whom all people who love people should know. If you don't, you must. I am sending a copy of this to Jack, who can help you as to this family of grandfather Joel Kennedy Valentine, and of his own family. The other son of Joel Kennedy Valentine was:

3. James McPherson Valentine, born at Rome, Georgia, July 26, 1855, married Rosa Bell White, born April 6, 1866, whose father was Henry White and her mother was Jerusha Fox, grandaughter of Henry Fox who was the ancestor of the large Mississippi Fox family and who was a son of William Fox, the Revolutionary Soldier under General Marion in the battles of Kings Mountain, Cowpens, and others, all of which is immaterial here. James M. Valentine died August 2, 1932 and his wife Rosa died October 26, 1945. At this time I am collecting data as to exact dates of births, marriages, names of children etc., of this family, which would be of no interest to you for your purpose, but briefly stated their children were:

4. (a) James Henry Valentine, born June 10, 1883, died June 8, 1942. His wife was Miller Ligon, and their children were : James Elmo Valentine who married Essie Smith, whose people told her she was a grandfather of the Smith whose first name escapes me but was known as Bill Arp, and from my father's love for him, I believe he lived in Rome and was a friend of my grandfather when father was a boy; Rosa B. who married W. E. Bass, now living in Littlefield, Texas; Ruby Dell who married Asahel Garrett, living in Amarilla, Texas and have several children some of whom are married; Thomas McPherson Valentine, never married; Robert Henry Valentine, married and living in Sacramento, California and have children; Rudine Valentine, married James Gallico or Gallion, and they have children; and one son died in infancy, whose name I believe was Woodrow Wilson Valentine.

(b) Jacob Kennedy Valentine, born October 15, 1885, died October 30, 1950. First married Lila Albritton and they had : Jacob (sometimes called James) Kennedy Valentine, Jr., not married; Audry who died young; and Virginia who married Ira L. Dorr, and they have several children.

(c) Hester Viola Valentine, born September 20, 1889, died October 31, 1924. Married Benjamin Alexander Henry, they have: Alexander Valentine Henry, married Robbie Holoway, and have children Norman Cooke, Robbie Jom and John Blanton Henry. Live in Bolivar Co.

(d) Eula Edith Valentine, born December 25, 189 ?, married Robert Edward Skelton, and their children are : Margaree, married John Henry Williams, and have one son John Henry, Jr. Live at Winona, Mississippi; Robert Cecil Skelton, married Mary Alice Oswalt, and have a son James Robert Skelton, living at Bellefontaine, Mississippi; and Donald Dozier Skelton, married Peggy Cannon, have children Stephen Lynn and Karen, and live at Grenada, Mississippi. Eula and Ed also live at Bellefontaine, in Webster County, north of Eupora.

(e) Carmon E. Valentine, born February 9, 1894, near Slate Springs but in Webster County, Mississippi. Married Lucille Henry (sister of Benjamin Alexander Henry above mentioned), on February 22, 1919, and their children are: Carmon Epton Valentine Jr., born November 27 (Thanksgiving), 1919, married Ruth Buckner and lived in Cleveland several years, now living in Amory, Mississippi, where he is associated with Gilmore-Pucket Lumber Co. in designing and supervising construction, and Ruth teaches commercial classes at near-by Becker school in Monroe County, and their children are Alec Carmon Valentine, Mary Nell Valentine, and Rose Mary Valentine; and the other son of Carmon and Lucille is John White Valentine, associated with his father as a partner in the practice of law in Cleveland, Bolivar County, Mississippi and is not married.

(f) Alonzo Jackson Valentine, born November 9, 1899, never married and died near Slate Springs but in Webster County where he was born on October 28th, 1940.

(g) Alton Fox Valentine, born September 2, 1906 likewise near Slate Springs, Mississippi, never married and now practicing law at Rosedale, Mississippi. Bolivar County having two county seats, he and both of us at Cleveland have a working partnership with offices at both Cleveland and Rosedale.

Some of this is surplusage and some of the dates, places, and even names of the older members of the family may be

supplied by Jack Pratt. My data is scattered and my memory is not clear on some items. Father was in his late years and his memory not very good when I undertook to get exact facts from him, altho he had told us many things I had forgotten in detail. One thing you mentioned about my reference to possibility of great grandfather Benjamin Valentine having either been born or educated in England: My best recollection is that I asked my father after his memory was failing about where Benjamin and his brother Dr. Tom were born and where educated, if in America or England and he said probably in England but he thought in America. The idea of one of them having been in England was suggested and he thought it possible one, probably Dr. Tom received his education there, but this is uncertain. It seems certain, from all records and history, that this entire family throughout the country descended from the early Long Island family who acquired the ancestral home from the Indians.

This Long Island ancestry is indicated and its confirmation strongly suggested in many ways. The book entitled "The Valentines of America" was written in the North by a New Yorker during or immediately following the Civil War, at a time when South hating was a requirement up there. We read all through the book for history of the family coming South, only to learn that "Joe was a fiddler and went South". The book is large and covers much information about all others, as you have probably read. Turning its pages I came to a picture which appeared to be that of my father in every detail, even the cut of his hair and manner of its abrangement. Startled, I read that this was one of the Long Island family who "went west",and altho this gentlemen did not write that "He was a lawyer and went west", it did state that he was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kansas.

Another incident indicating the family connection: my son John White covered the name under a full front page likeness of a gentleman appearing on Life, Time, or maybe Newsweek, and asked me if I knew him. Immediately recognizing the general features, I was puzzled that one of "us" made front page on such a publication, even in colors. He also covered his chin, which was not particularly Valentine. After a long examination of all features, I remarked that I couldn't imagine which, but that he is one of them. No indication had been given me as to the identity of this man. John White lifted his fingers from the name and chin, and it was Alan Valentine, President of the University of Rochester. The occasion was, he had recently conferred the LLD degree on Mr. Churchill on his visit here several years ago. It had been my urge to write him for several years, because of his residence there throughout the years - he and his ancestors, and because it seemed a man of his inclinations may have family information.

I had hesitated writing him, thinking in his position he may not appreciate a letter from a descendant of one who had fiddled and sinned by coming south. The friendly face indicated to me I had been wrong all these years, and I did write, received the most friendly reply. He had little information back of his grandfather, expressed a desire for more information on the older line, gave me all he had, and expressed appreciation for what I sent in response covering his family back of the time covered merely from his recollection. He did understand his folks came early, obtained part of Long Island from the Indians as he had heard, and many of them were still there, - that is, many descendants of that family. These family resemblances do follow through the generations.

By way of comment, the seven heads of families in Orangeburg District, S. C. in 1790, which is about the time of the birth of great grandfather Benjamin, included one John Valentine with five in family without naming them. There were also Thomas, Levi, James and another James. Over in Newberry District in 1790, was only one, that was another John with two sons and four daughters. Among my data appears indication that in 1820 there was Benjamin in Union District with one wife, one son, and one daughter, and one slave, - a kind of a one-track gentleman and very likely my great grandfather. He was not there in 1830, but over in Greene and Pickens counties, in Alabama, or one of them, in 1850 records indicate one Benjamin and wife Martha, with daughters Martha, Margaret and Mary, and sons James and Benjamin T. F. This at least indicates possibility that the "one son" in South Carolina was Joel Kennedy and who was probably married and not in the family in 1850 and that those shown in 1850 were born after 1820, and farther provided that there was a Margaret and that father's reference to the brother of Joel Kennedy being his Uncle Frank, may be the same as Benjamin T. F. A glance through my ill-arranged data indicates the records show only one Benjamin who was once in Union District, then appeared there no longer, and one showed up in Alabama, just as did my great grandfather Benjamin, and as did your great grandfather John Calhoun Valentine.

Please disregard all that rambling, and let me make clear at this time that my only authentic information which came to me from my family begins with Benjamin and his brother Tom the doctor mentioned in paragraph 1 above. You probably have all the information referred to above and more, and in fact wrote me about some of it, particularly mentioning that Jessie M., who was a brother of your father, as I recall, wrote letters about 1840 or 1850 to one Mr. Stacks, calling him Cousin, and that Mrs. J. P. Wells lived with Mrs. M. B. Crawford, Route 2, Box 26, Eutaw, Alabama.

was about eighty years of age back in the 1920's and had much information about the family of Benjamin and his descendants. I mention this particularly for the reason that I am sending a copy of this letter to Jack Pratt to suggest that he check on this if he does not have all the information himself, as this information was evidently left by Mrs. Wells with Mrs. Crawford or others and still available.

At the time of your letter on September 22nd, besides the alibi first above pleaded, my Cousin Dot Fox Mallory of Calhoun City, James C. Fox of Arkansas, and myself, who organized the group of descendants of the Henry Fox mentioned above, were very busy trying to prepare for our second meeting which we had at Hugh White Park on October 7th, where several hundred had a grand time. You knew some of these Foxes at West Point. Our discussions and records are by choice at least for the present limited to the time beginning with the parents of this Henry, and I personally have collected authentic data back to the days of Henry Beauclerc, his daughter Matilda who married Geoffry, count of Anjou and grandson of a King of Jerusalem, and their daughter Joan who married Henry Fox. We never discuss this, as some of the younger may get an erroneous idea of the purpose. And in this connection, I am wondering if you have undertaken to trace the American Valentines back to those of Eccles, England, if they in fact are of that line as history indicates. Tell me sometime, if you have.

With apologies for the delay and the dictum.

Sincerely,

Signed .. Carmon E. Valentine

Typed .. Carmon E. Valentine

Carrollton, Ala.

Mr. J. J. Valentine
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Cousin:

I have lately come into possession of a journal kept by my father, Joel Kennedy Valentine, which contains letters written by him to his cousin, Dr. John J. Valentine of Sumter County, Alabama, dated August 1843.

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Wish I had found it sooner. Maybe it would have been some help to you. My father's address was:

Anderson District, S. C.

This was the birth place, or at least the old home place, of both my parents.

My brother James McPherson Valentine died this year. Only myself and younger sister are left of a large family.

With best wishes, I am,

Your cousin

Jane C. Pratt.

JOEL KENNEDY VALENTINE

A diary kept by Joel Kennedy Valentine during the time of his service in the Army of the Confederate States of America was copied from the original by my wife about 1935 and her original copy is on file in the U. D. C. records of the Department of Archives and History of the State of Mississippi at Jackson, Mississippi.

Joel Kennedy Valentine was the father of Jane Laa Valentine who married Hon. J. M. Pratt of Pickens County, Alabama, and he was the father of Hon. Jack M. Pratt of Carrollton, Alabama.

Mrs. Jane Lee(Valentine) Pratt was a sister of James McPherson Valentine, the father of Carmon E. Valentine, a prominent lawyer at Cleveland, Mississippi.

JOHN JACKSON VALENTINE

EXTRACT

Notes from the Diary of JOEL KENNEDY VALENTINE.

At Home Near Rome, Ga.
Friday Sept. 18, 1863

Well here I am at home eight days beyond my time. Partial illness and seemingly insuperable obstacles have as yet prevented me from leaving to hunt up the whereabouts of my Command .....

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Camp Smith's Springs Ter
Thursday Sept. 24th, 1863

Well here I am up with the Command again after an absence of a month and a half. Since I was last with the boys they have seen sights and been in several battles and alas! some of them are now filling a soldier's grave. How sad it is to reflect upon.

I was bothered very considerably in getting to the Regiment. I left home early Tuesday morning and was too late for the cars by ten minutes, and had to lie over till 5 P. M. Got aboard there and came to Kingston and then lay by 4 hours. The train was so crowded that I had to sit on the platform from there to Cotoosa Station in the cold night air without an overcoat. Suffered much with cold. I then walked with a thousand others to Ringgold. No breakfast. There I learned that the command when last heard from was at Rud's Bridge on West Chickamauga 8 miles west of Ringgold near the late battle ground. No chance to get there but to walk. By chance I met one of the 6th Ga at Ringgold who had a horse. He was so kind as to allow me to ride some, which was a great relief in my feeble condition. I reached Reed's Bridge about 12 M. It was here where the great Battle of Chickamauga commenced. I could not resist indulging a desire to visit the locality. I borrowed my friend's horse and rode over a portion of the field of carnage. The battleground lies on the west side of West Chickamauga for five or six miles ranging along the river. It is a beautiful undulating country sparsely wooded. The dead and wounded on our side had all been removed to temporary Hospitals or to distant places.

The Yankee wounded had been removed by our Troops and cared for, but the dead lay yet unburied. This was a sad sight. There they lay, left by their comrades and neglected by our army. Ours had enough to do to bury their own dead and care for the wounded of both armies. I stood in one place and counted 27 lying dead..... The ground was literally pulverized..... The tread of thousands had been felt there, all engaged in deadly conflict, and the soil bears the mark. The trees too for many a long day will tell of the terrible scene they witnessed. Hundreds..... were torn off by cannon shot. Many were splintered and torn..... Hardly a shrub could be found that did not have bullet marks upon it. On one red oak 8 inches in diameter I counted 17 bullet marks..... After spending an hour looking over the gory field I retired sickened at the sight..... We bivouacked under a tree without supper. Next morning.... after a fatiguing walk of 4 hours we found it (the command)..... I had walked sixteen miles, and I was sick..... I found the 6th Ga had made a name for good fighters. Forty three had been killed and wounded in the Regiment.

This place is eight miles above Chattanooga near the river. Our duty is to picket the river.....

Till my health improves I shall write but little more....

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Carrollton, Alabama

April 11, 1929.

Mr. J. J. Valentine

Dear Cousin:

I received your last communication this week. I'm glad your search has ended in success. You have learned more about our kin than I have known.

My sister, Mrs. Teer sent me the address of Brasfield that you requested of her and asked me to answer the letter you wrote her, but I have neglected to do so, so I'm sending it now:-

S. F. Brasfield,
University Place
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

I don't know as the address will be of any use to you now but send it anyway.

When you go to Greene Co. call on Bob Johnson if you have not already seen him. He is the living image of his father. When you see him, you have seen John V.

Will be glad for you to call on us.

With best wishes,

Jane Lee Pratt

Carrollton, Alabama

February 13, 1929.

Mr. J. J. Valentine,

Dear Sir:

Have just received your letter.

Am not able to give you any further information about our kin, but have thought that you might find some old records with Robert Johnson. He is known locally as "Bob" as he is rather a character.

He, as I have told you before, is the son of John V. Johnson. His former address was Mantua, but I don't know whether the office is still kept up, as so many small routes have been instituted. John V. Johnson and W. H. Stacks were half brothers. The Stacks are all dead except one grand-daughter and I do not know her present address.

Bob Johnson would be your safest bet, as all the others are dead or moved away.

I never heard anything of Uncle Tom's early life except that he finished his medical education in Europe as was the requirement at that time,

He educated himself for a Doctor, but if he practiced his profession it was before I knew of him.

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Wishing you success I am, as ever,

Yours truly,

J. L. Pratt

Mr. J. J. Valentine

Dear Sir:

I owe you an apology for my neglect of your letter.

I am Jack Pratt's mother, and he gave me the letter to answer. As I knew nothing of the people near Pickensville, I just neglected to answer it, but since the location is changed in this letter will give you such information as I can.

Benjamin Valentine was my grandfather. He came to this state from Anderson District, S. C. I cannot give dates as all family records were destroyed when we lost our home by fire many years ago.

My father's name was Joel Kennedy, the oldest son (I suppose). My mother was Hester McPherson, all from the same place. Soon after marriage my parents moved to Georgia and we lived there until 1865.

A few months before the end of the War and after my father's death we came to this state to my grandfather's home. As I was only a child I cannot give an accurate account of the family except such of them as I can remember.

My father had two brothers, James and Frank. They all perished in the War. Frank was quite young and was not married. James married Elizabeth Story. They had one daughter Tiny. After the War Aunt Betty married John V. Johnson, a cousin to Uncle James, both are dead. They left two children Robert and Katie. Robert is a batchelor and lives near the old home in Greene Co. Katie or Hatie is a widow Huffman and lives twenty miles west of Columbus, Mississippi.

Tiny married a man named Fisher. Both are dead. They left two daughters, Leola and Berta. Berta married and died several years ago. Leola is single and lives with her Uncle Robert Johnson, my grandfather had two daughters, Martha and Mary. Martha married Healron Story and went to Texas after the War. Mary married James Hammit and went to Mississippi. I have lost sight of them, but know that Aunt Martha and Uncle Geab are both dead.

Our family consisted of six children, all dead except myself and one brother. James McPherson Valentine near Slate Springs, Mississippi., and one sister, Laura Teer, a widow who lives in _____ Alabama. My grandmother's maiden name was Chandler. There was an orphan grandson living with them. I remember him as "Jimmy" but cannot remember anything else about him. Then there was grandfather's brother, Uncle Tom, a very intellectual and eccentric old gentleman and a great favorite with me, as he could talk of so many interesting things. He was educated in England.

Then I have a hazy recollection of a cousin or something who went west before I knew them. It seems his name was John but I don't know what kin he was.

There are cousins and near cousins all over Greene Co. Many of them I don't even know the names.

My brother has a large family scattered over the west, but I don't suppose you would be interested to hear of them.

I have told you all I know of the Valentine family and hope to hear that my information is satisfactory.

Yours respectfully,

Jane L. Pratt

Carrollton, Alabama.

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ABSTRACT OF ESTATE OF ZACHARIAH VOLENTINE, FROM RECORDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE PROBATE JUDGE FOR NEWBERRY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Indexed as follows:

Deceased:	Admr.	Year	Box	Pkg.	Est.
Zachariah Volentine	Nathan Whitmire	1829	61	151	1569

Item 1 .. On December 21, 1829 Wm. Wilson, Ordinary of Newberry District, South Carolina, granted Letters of Administration on the estate of Zachariah Volentine to Nathan Whitmire and ordered him to make inventory of said estate to Ordinary's office in order to be recorded on or before 2nd Monday of February next.

Item 2 .. Nathan Whitmire, Administrator, with J. D. Casey and Joseph Rogers signed bond in the sum of $4,000.00 unto Wm. Wilson, O. N. D. on December 21, 1829.

Item 3 .. Warrant for appraisement of property of Zachariah Volentine, deceased, issued unto Nathan Whitmire, Administrator, by Wm. Wilson, O. N. D., to be made before second Monday in February, 1930., and David Wells William Whitmire and John H. Hatton made oath to make a true and just appraisal. Dated Jan 4, 1830. Sworn to before Wm. Eppes, Jr.

Item 4 .. William Whitmire, John H. Hatton and David Wells (by his mark) signed appraisal bill of effects of Zachariah Volentine, deceased on 4th Jan., 1830 - (total valuation not given).

4 January 1830 Principal items listed include:

Negro Girl, Till	$350.00
Negro boy, Sheff	475.00
Negro child, Harrison	150.00
stock of cattle	52.25
stock of hogs	100.50
4 beds, bedsteads & furniture	40.00
Loom & apparatus	6.00
Waggon, waggonsheet, bowframe and stretchers	56.00
Grey horse	85.00
Black horse	40.00
Bay horse	80.00
Cupboard, sugar box, 3 tables, and bureau	48.00
Cloak	5.00
Wearing apparel, husband's & wife's	2.00

Item 5 .. Sale bill of Zachariah Valentine, deceased, made 6th, January 1830 and due, 1st February, 1831 made by Nathan Whitmire, Adm.

Total Amount ..... $2247.09 - 1/2
and rent of land 51.00(due 1-1-1831).
Some buyers listed at sale:

Valentine Gordon - Bt. Axe, siley Phials & trumpet $1.06-1/2
Robt. Dugan - wheat field, bucket & wool, 4 bee hives, etc 21.12-1/2
Wm. McCrackin - bed & furniture, 2 yearlings, plaid cloak 26.93
Wm. Whitmire -1 saddle, large wheel, chickens, and guineas 10.68
Elijah Hill - 2 jugs, beaureau, table 31.31-1/4
Reuben Sims- 2 beds & furn., 17 geese, 3160 lbs. fodder, chairs and firedogs 60.86
Thos. Davis - 40 bus. corn @ 46¢ 18.40
Jas. Rogers - Till(negro girl) $415. -- 40 bus. corn, $18.40 & a negro child, Harrison $158. ..... 591.30
Jno. C. Jeter - negro boy, Sheriff 607.00
Daniel Eupes - grey horse & bridle 105.12-1/2
Jas. M. Stewart - black horse 52.00
Silas Anderson - bed & furniture 10.75
Wm. Gordon - gun 13.00
Francis A. Shell - 6 sheep @ $1.00, 2 ovens,& ware..... 7.00
James Archer - 7 Turkies @ 37-1/2..... 2.62-1/2

Valentine Gordon was son of Eli & Rebecca Valentine Gordon.

John Valentine bt. wearing apparel, husband's 2.00
Sarah Valentine - wearing apparel, wife's ..... .50
John Hatton - rental of plantation..... 51.00
Cash on hand at death of intestate 47.00
Burrel Chick, hogs 68.62-1/2
David Wells - 8 hogs 46.00
Enoch Murphy - 4 hogs 21.75
Thos. Hatton - 2240 lbs. cotton at 2.45 ..... 53.99
Philip Selby - 927 lbs. cotton @ $10.31-1/2 ..... 95.62
Jas. Davis - 2 lbs. flous, wagon sheet, cupboard, 2 pots 19.50

Item 6... Return for 1830 on Est. Zachariah Valentine by Nathan Whitmire.-
Total paid out ..... $ 72.94.

24 Jan.
1831 Included in return:

Pd. Jos. Duckett, hat for Thomas Valentine .. .. $ .75
Pd. Jos. Duckett, hat for John Valentine .. .. .75
Pd. I. C. Abernathy, tuition 14.64
Pd. Dr. Vanleu, medical act. 3.75
Contra - Cash at death of deceased .. $ 47.00 ..

Item 7. Return for 1831 made by Nathan Whitmire, Admr. on 13 Feb. 1832.
Pd. out .. Total Amount 71.43
By cash-Received for rent of plantation 40.06-1/2
Items included:-
Pd. Zach Hatton (for Coffin for deceased) 7.00
Pd. Dr. N. Renwick - medical service 33.00
Pd. Wm. Whitmire & Co., for Sara Valentine, for crepe dress 5.75

Item 8. Return for 1832 made by Nathan Whitmire, Admr. on 22 April. 1833
Paid out .. Total amount 38.35
By Amt. Received .. rent 38.75
Items included :
Pd. Williamson Clark .. tuition 10.00
Pd. Nancy Ducket .. making coat 1.50

Above items for Thos. I. Volentine

Pd. Williamson Clark .. tuition 13.75
For John S. Volentine
Pd. Williamson T. Clark .. tuition 10.00

Item 9. Return for year 1833 by Nathan Whitmire, Admr.

Pd. out .. Total Amount $44.33-1/3
By cash received for rent of land 40.00
Items included:
Pd. for Sarah Volentine-May 6, pd. Whitmire & Co. 13.00
Pd. for Sarah Volentine-Oct.pd.P. Gilhuly for Drawers .. .. $30.00 .. 43.00

Item 10. Return for 1834 made by N. Whitmire, Admr. on 7, Sept. 1835.
By cash received of Cathrine L. Rhoads for rent of land 70.12-1/2
Pd. out .. Total amount 7.87-1/2
Including: Pd.-Blackburn & Whitmire for Sarah F. Volentine 5.50

Above is Final Return.

Enclosing written copy of final settlement on Est. of
Zachariah Volentine, deceased, with Nathan Whitmire,
Administrator.

Old Equity File .. .. Petition for Guardian .. Box 15:
Pkg. 18:
Year 1837

John S. Valentine and Margaret Valentine, his sister, sheweth that they are infants under 21 years and over 14 years; that both father and mother are dead and that they are entitled to considerable property as distributees of the estate of their father, Zachariah Valentine, deceased; and that they have no guardian to take charge of same.

WHEREFORE, they petition that their friend Thomas Valentine (could be their brother) be appointed guardian of their persons and estates.

Petition signed by: By: Fair & Pope
Sol. for pet.

Margaret Valentine
John S. Valentine

January 2, 1837

Witness: - Thos. H. Pope

The foregoing proves that John S. Valentine and Margaret Valentine were minor children of Zachariah Valentine, in 1837.

Thomas J. and Sarah F. Valentine were of age when their father, Zachariah Valentine died on November 20, 1829 - one month prior to granting of Letters of Admn. to Nathan Whitmire, (as was custom of law at that period of time) B.C.D.

Final Settlement of Estate of Zachariah Valentine,
deceased, with Nathan Whitmire, Administrator
made 1, Jan. 1836,

1830 & 31	By amt. sale bill due 1 Jan. 1831		..	$2298.09-1/2
	" " as per return		..	47.00
				$2345.09-1/2
	Deduct contra payments		..	206.60-1/2
				$2139.49
1831	Add Int. from 1 Jan. 1832 to 1 Jan. 1836-4 yrs.			599.05
1832	By Amt. Rec'd as year return -	$ 40.06)		
	Deduct 2 1/2% com. ..	1.00)		39.06
	Add Int. on $ 39.06-from 1 Jan. '33) to 1 Jan. '36)			7.19
1833	By amt. rec'd as per ret.	40.00)		
	Deduct 2 1/2%	1.00)		
		39.00		39.00
	Add. Int. on $39.00 from 1 Jan. 1834) to 1 Jan. 1836)			5.46
1834	By amt. rec'd as per return ..	70.12-1/2)		
	Deduct 2 1/2% Com. ..	1.75)		68.37-1/2
	Add int. on $68.37-1/2 from 1 Jan. 1835) to 1 Jan. 1836)			4.78
				$2902.40-1/2
1835	By amt. rec'd from J. H. Hatton, Admr. of John Valentine dec'd	40.00		
	By amt. rec'd of land rent due 1, Jan 1835. ..	108.00	..	148.00
				$3050.40-1/2
	Deduct contra payment due) 1 Jan. 1836 from admn.)			120.28
				$2930.12-1/2

Legatees names & shares

1.	Thos. J. Valentine ..	$732.53)	
2.	Sarah F. Valentine ..	732.53)	$2930.12
3.	John S. Valentine ..	732.53)	
4.	Margaret C. Valentine..	732.53)	

Newberry, South Carolina
3/2/'29.
1711 Main Street

Dear Mr. Valentine:

Reference yours of the 18th there is nothing new regarding the Valentine or Voluntine records.

While looking over the old Equity Files today, I ran across item ..... Year 1839 Thomas Valentine makes petition to court to act as Guardian for his minor brother and sister, John S. and Margaret Valentine .. Petition granted .. (Box 61- package 23 - year 1839.).

If anything more comes up will advise you.

Sincerely,

G. L. Summer

Blairs, South Carolina
September 29, 1928.

Mr. J. J. Valentine:

Dear Sir:

Please pardon my delay in not answering your letter, I am an old man and write with difficultu and am getting one of my little grand-daughters to write for me. I'm not in possession of any information that is worth anything to you. I understand there are three tombstones at Avery Ford grave yard with the name of Gordon on them. I am not able to go to the grave yard but will try to get some one to go and copy the inscriptions and send them to you. Between 1840 and 1850 Thomas Valentine lived on an adjoining farm to my father. When he decided to move he sold his farm to my father and I think went to Mississippi. He married a daughter to Elijah Hill. She had a sister named Martha and two brothers, Joseph and John. They left this country, but I don't know where they went. Eli Gordon was my father's nearest neighbor. He has been dead many years. He had three sons and three daughters. Two of the sons, Thomas and Valentine moved west. The other son Aluam was a neighbor until his death many years ago. In his old age he married Miss Cornelia Lyles. She lived less than a year after her marriage. They had no children. One daughter married a Simms and one married John E. Lyles. They moved west. The other daughter, Rebecca, married V. Lyles. They had six sons and two daughters. All dead but one son and one daughter. The son, Reuben E. Lyles is a very worthy citizen and respected where known. The daughter Emma married David Thomas. He died leaving his widow and five children, two sons and three daughters. All unmarried. The other daughter Eliza married William Nance. Both dead - leaving four sons and one daughter. The daughter married James Scott and lives in Whitmire, S. C. One son lives at Whitmire, one lives at Lexington, N. C. I don't know where the other sons live. I'm sorry I can't give you any fuller information. If you decide to come to this state, seeking information of your relatives, will be glad for you to come to my home and will give you any assistance I can.

With kindest regards -

Yours truly

W. D. Hardy

Norman, Oklahoma
May 23, 1928.

Mr. J. J. Valentine:

As you have traced our relationship, might say cousin. I do not think we have any relatives by the Gordon name back in South Carolina, all came west many years ago. My mother had one sister left back there who married a Mr. John Lyles, her post office address was Mabington, South Carolina. The preacher Thomas Valentine lived three miles south of Grand Junction near the state line. He married a Miss Rachel Hill, they had no children, he had two sisters that I knew. One married a Dr. Newton Towler, after his death she married a Mr. Pleasant Turner - been dead many years, the other sister married a Mr. Thomas Smart, they had five children and both died, and Mr. Thomas Valentine and his wife raised the children. Their names were Newton, Sallie, Jeff, Alice and John. Newton married a Miss Arnett and raised a family - do not know how many - the last letter I had from him he said he had just come home after a visit with some of his married children who lived in Memphis- if he is still living and you could get in touch with him he might be able to give you some information about his mother's people. I married Mr. B. B. Smith, a Virginian - we had four children, three boys and one girl, the oldest and the youngest are dead - one boy lives in Waco, Texas, the girl married Dr. T. G. Dodson. I make my home here with them, 728 Jenkins, in Norman, Oklahoma. If by any chance you meet with Newton Smart tell him I am still living and would be glad to hear from him. I have given you, to the best of my knowledge the questions you asked concerning the Valentines. Thanks for the Gordons record - glad to help you all I can.

Mrs. B. B. Smith

November 6, 1951

Dear Mr. Valentine:

Sorry I have waited so long to answer your letter. Have been out of town a few weeks.

Afraid I won't be able to help you much. I was the youngest and was born very late in my parents life. I don't know very much about my people.

I talked with my sister (Mrs. Tiffany), she knew our grandparents as she is the oldest child. She doesn't have any records.

I also got in touch with my cousin that always kept up with everyone. Our great-grandfather Valentine came from England. He settled in Greensboro, S. C. My grandfather Smart married his daughter who was Uncle Tommie Valentine's sister. They all moved to Memphis. My grandfather Smart bought a home on Front Street - my grandmother died there. Uncle Tommie took my Daddy, his brother, two sisters to raise. He put my daddy in the boys college at LaGrange, Tennessee. Uncle Tommie was a preacher and his wife was a Hill, they also raised the Hill boys.

The war came on - my daddy went to war - he was given Uncle Rubin, the old slave, who was the same age of my daddy - they both went through the war together. When it was over my daddy came home and married. My grandfather married again - they had a girl - he died a few years after. My daddy took Uncle Tommie and Aunt Rachel to live with him as the Yankies had stole everything he had. My mother came in possession of a lot of land known as Smart Springs - had her mother's old home on it. Daddy built a house on some of the land - put Uncle Tommie in it. His wife died - he married again to Sally Johnson. When Uncle Tommie died, daddy let her stay on - Mr. Oscar Jordon and his wife lived with her - that is why I guess Uncle Rubin thought he had the records.

My cousin said our Aunt by my grandfather's last marriage had all the records. She died three years ago leaving two grand-daughters. I visited with one of them all time until my Aunt died - she has moved away from Memphis and I don't know where.

My cousin thought Uncle Rubin had some records of the Valentines - of course he has passed away. Daddy built him a home and gave him some land. I think some of his children still live down there. It is still known as Smart Springs - after my Mother and Daddy passed away I sold the old home and land that went with it.

Mr. Jordon is dead. All the old ones are gone. I also sold the house and land Uncle Tommie lived in after his second wife died. But I gave uncle Rubin his. He didn't die until after my parents died and I had moved to Memphis.

My Daddy was a preacher. He got his medical degree in the college at La Grange.

You might by chance find out something about the Valentines at Greensboro, S. C. I understand the records are kept at Raleigh.

Sorry I can't help you more.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Allen Mayo

B I R T H S

1. Thomas J. Valentine was borned Sept. 21st, 1814.
2. Thomas J. Smart was borned Sept. 24th, 1816.
3. Sarah F. Smart was borned Jan. 29th, 1840.
4. Mary Eliza Smart was borned Aug. 21st, 1841.
5. Rachel R. Valentine was borned Jan. 3rd, 1814.
6. Newton Z. Smart was borned Dec. 12th, 1843.
7. Alice F. Smart was borned Jan. 1st, 1846.
8. Thomas J. Smart was borned Sept. 9th, 1847.
9. John Valentine Smart was borned Nov. 15th, 1849.
10. Mallie V. Smart was borned Aug. 14th, 1849.
11. Joseph Thomas Smart, son of Newton Z. and Mallie V. Smart was borned Sept. 30th, 1868.
12. Cora Smart was borned Nov. 8th, 1871.
13. Thomas Valentine Smart was borned May 6th, 1874.
14. Susan Alice Smart was borned Sept. 15th, 1876.
15. Minnia Alice Arnett was borned March 6th, 1870.
16. Maggie Elizabeth Arnett was borned Sept. 6th, 1865.
17. Thomas H. Arnett borned Mar. 26th, 1873.

M A R R I A G E S

1. Thomas J. Smart & Margaret C. Smart were married Jan. 15th, 1839.
2. Newton Z. Smart & Mallie V. Smart were married Oct. 1st, 1867.
3. W. J. Arnett and Alice F. Arnett were married Dec. 20th, 1864.
4. Thomas J. Valentine and Rachel F. Valentine were married Oct. 4th, 1837.
5. Thomas J. Valentine and Sarah J. Valentine were married Oct. 22nd, 1879.

D E A T H S

1. Ruth Hill died Mar. 6th, 1838.
2. Joseph Hill died Oct. 6th, 1839
3. Rachel Hill, wife of Eligah died Nov. 22nd, 1844.
4. W. J. Arnett died Feb. 22nd, 1877.
5. Alice F. Arnett died April 25th, 1876.
6. Rachel F. Valentine, wife of T. J. Valentine died Jan. 15th, 1879.
7. Esther Johnson died June 7th, 1888.
8. T. J. Valentine died Feb. 21st, 1896.

(Signed by) Ruben Valentine.

Ruben Valentine was an ex-slave .. .. see part ten.

Norman, Oklahoma

May 29, 1927.

Dear Mr. Valentine:

Your letter received my grandfather Eli Gordon, married Rebecca Caldwell Feb. 7th, 1793, copied from the family record. Thomas Valentine came from South Carolina, he lived near my grandfather after my father's death in Alabama. My mother lived with her parents and Thomas Valentine moved to Mississippi some time before my mother and settled near Houston, Mississippi. My mother moved to Mississippi in 1850.

Thomas Valentine had a sister, a widow, her name was Sarah, who lived with them. One sister who married Thomas Smart, do not know her given name or the names of any others of his family.

Grand Junction, Tennessee was the address of Newton Smart when I heard from him last, which was some time between 1905 and 1908.

Green Gordon was a son of Ely Gordon, my own mother's brother, He died several years ago.

Wishing you success I will close.

Mrs. B. B. Smith

Norman, Oklahoma

June 12, 1928.

Dear Mr. Valentine:

Your letter received. The preacher Valentine was known by everyone as Uncle Tom. Mother called him cousin, we were taught to call him Uncle. My father lived near Pickensville, was on the jury at Pickensville when taken with a congestive chill, was either burried there or near there. Pickensville was in Pickens County.

I guess the Gordons you speak of are sons of my Mother's brother, Thomas. He had three sons living at Senatobia, Mississippi, near Memphis. The last I heard of them his sons names was William, a Baptist preacher, Ely and Tom.

I have given you all the names of Valentines that I knew. I was brought from South Carolina to Mississippi when I was only eight years old.

Wishing you success in locating your relatives, I am your friend.

Mrs. B. B. Smith

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P A R T FIVE

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DR. THOMAS VALENTINE

Family Records

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DR. THOMAS VALENTINE

Caledonia, Miss.

Mr. J. J. Valentine
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

I am R. H. Johnson's sister, Mrs. K. G. Huffman - I have Uncle Tom Valentine's trunk. These letters I am sending I got them out of the trunk. They were wrote by his niece I don't know that they will be any benefit to you only to see what a nice letter she could write I don't know if she is still living or not. She is Mrs. Jane Pratt's sister. I have been on a visit to my brother and read some of the letters you had wrote him. I looked through the trunk and found these letters I thought I would send them to you I remember Uncle Tom all right he use to stay with us when I was a little girl.

As ever,

Mrs. K. G. Huffman

Pickens County, Alabama
Feb. 9th, 1869.

Dear Uncle Tom:

It was with much pleasure that I perused your letter, and it will afford me pleasure to respond. I fear my letter will be devoid of interest, however, you must "consider the source" and not be disappointed.

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I will now write you about the children. Mac is a large, well-made boy - industrious and steady. I entertain no fears for him when I think of his future. He'll make his way in the world.

Frank is a noble little fellow. He is intelligent and affectionate. He has great capacity for learning, and takes a great delight in studying. I hope that when he is grown he will be as high-minded and intelligent as was his father- professing all the traits of character which raised him above the generality of men.

Larence is a very pretty child, but rather rude. So much so that I believe " little romp " would be the most appropriate name that could be bestowed upon her. They can talk plainly. Jane has treated me unfairly hasn't she? Married and left me "alone in my glory" - the glory of "single-blessedness" for who will have an old maid!

Your "new nephews" name is James Pratt. I suppose Ma has described him to you, so I will say no more than this. I believe he will make my sister happy.

She is a model wife, I do not think there is any danger of her departing from the rule which you rightly think is so important.

Now a little in answer to your remarks concerning myself. Your apprehensions that I have "committed matrimony" are altogether unfounded, for I have never as yet bestowed my affection upon any one of the " Lords of Creation ". Moreover, please be convinced Uncle mine, thus when I marry (if I ever do, my place of sojourn in this sublerinary sphere will not be the dreary regions in which you would assign me a residence. Enough for the present. Continue to write Uncle Tom. Write more about Grandma. Whether she is still living on her place, and who attends her farm.

Reply soon to this short and uninteresting letter from,

Your affectionate niece,

Dr. Thos. Valentine

M. T. Valentine (her first name-Martha)

Martha Valentine was niece of Dr. Thomas Valentine

Her grandfather had died before May 15th, 1867.

Caledonia, Miss.

Oct. 7th, 1930.

Mr. J. J. Valentine

Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Cousin:

After so long a time I will answer your welcome letter rec in August. I have been to Tuscaloosa and spent the week. Since I wrote you last I saw lots of people I use to know. I went to see our cousin Drew Wells and her daughter Mrs. Crawford. Cousin "Drew" (Drucilla) is quite feeble. I sure was proud to get to see her once more in life for it has been a long time since I had saw either of them. I would like very much to see you. We had a fine all day singing at our church the fourth Sunday in Sept. Sure would be glad for you to come. My son from Tuscaloosa, Brother Robert and Leola was here that day, also my daughter from Jackson. I enjoy having them to come to our church. I sure saw lots while in Tuscaloosa, it is a fine place to live I am glad to tell you I have gained my strength since I was sick so long in the Spring. I am stronger I think than I have been in a long time. We are quite lonely now as my son that came to stay with us when I got sick has moved back to town only my self and one boy here now. Crop short this time was so dry all summer it sure is going to be hard on people. We have two nice hogs but not much to fatten them like they should be. I guess you have read of the oil and gas wells in Jackson. There is some two or three not so far from us I don't know if they will ever amount to anything or not. Tis raining here tonight - as I want to look over my SS lesson tonight lots of good wishes to you, I am as ever your cousin,

K. G. Huffman

Caledonia, Miss.

April the 11th, 1929.

Mr. J. J. Valentine

Dear Sir:

Rec your letter a few days past I just don't know any news to tell you. I am sure the list that Brother sent you are correct. Uncle Tom was the only one of them that I ever saw. I remember when he died you can keep the letters I sent you if I find anymore letters or any thing I will send them to you.

Your friend,

K. G. Huffman

P. S. I have been living near Caledonia about 27 years.

KGH

J. H. RAY
JEWELER

Tuscaloosa, Ala. Rt. 3, 1930

Monday 4 P. M.
Carrollton, Alabama.

Dear Cousin:

When I look back to date of your last letter and reflect on the length of it has remained unanswered I feel the poignant sensations of shame and regret. I will not aggravate impropriety of my omission by amusing you with childish excuses of illness and business but confess that an unacountable negligence and foolish habit of procrastination have made me so inactive I throw myself on your kindness to excuse my fault to renew our interrupted correspondence that is if you desire to.

Correspond., And must entreat you not to consider me as deficient in friendship for you. Though appearance goes so far towards my condemnation in that particular. I beg it with an ill grace but as my ease of mind depends on it must request you to favor me with an answer to this as soon as possible. I haven't many things to communicate but am resolved to devote this apology alone. And to the purpose of assuring you how sincerely I am dear Cousin.

Your affectionate cousin,

Laura C. Teer

J. H. RAY
Jeweler

Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Rt. 3 1930.

Carrollton, Ala.
Friday 2, 1930.

Dear Cousin:

After some delay I'll make an effort to write you a few lines in reply to your most appreciated letter which I perused with pleasure. I hope you'll forgive me for my negligence. I'm confident you will when you get this. My sister has been so very ill and is still confined to her bed and has been for a siege. So I've been administering unto her wants and needs so I just couldn't find leisure to write I sure was disappointed to hear you was deprived of making us a visit. I don't know you personally but please don't think me imprudent for writing thus for I often think of you and have a desire to see you. Tho I can't say why unless its because we are related. I don't know just when I'll go home Sister is so feble I feel it is my duty to stay with her.

Remember that human life is but the journey of a day. I sometimes think she will never recover tho we can't never tell what is in the future. She will be 80 years old this March the 28th.

Well for fear I will worry you I'll disist I hope I'll hear from you real soon. Please excuse this sorry written letter. I am as ever,

Your Cousin,

Laura C. Teer

Caledonia, Miss.

June the 29th- 1929.

Mr. J. J. Valentine

Dear Cousin:

After so long I will ans your welcome letter rec in Jan was glad to hear from you. I am glad to know you got the records all straight. I meant to have wrote to you sooner but have been sick ever since Tuesday after Easter Sunday. I am getting so I can help some with the cooking. I am planning to go to Jackson after the 1st Sunday in July to stay two weeks with my daughter. I thought I would write and let you know so if you meant to come to see us you would not come while I am away. I sure do want to be here when you come. My son and Brother Robert from Tuscaloosa are planning to come to see me the 1st Sunday in July, they are coming for the old harp singing at an old church they have this singing every year. It is awful dry and dusty here now. The boys are trying to work their crop the best they can. I guess when you come I will let you have the old trunk I have kept it all this time. I am sure myself that we are cousins. I will go for this time as I have some other letters to write. Hoping to hear from you again some time.

Your cousin,

K. G. Huffman

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P A R T SIX

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REBECCA VALENTINE

(She was the eldest child of John Valentine of Newberry District, S. C. She married (1) Mr. Stacks and (2) Mr. Johnson).

(The letter which follows is from my Grandfather's sister, Rebecca, to her cousin W. H. Stacks and in this letter she refers to Mr. Stacks mother as Aunt Becky - Rebecca Valentine listed above.)

Palo Alto, Chickasaw (County),
Mississippi.
May 27th, 1860.

Dear Cousin:

I can inform you that I got home safe. I found my family all well, We are all well at present and when these few lines reach your distant hands may they find you all well. I saw Mistress Hightower last Sunday and the old lady said she would try to do what she could for that meeting (?).

Brother Jesse and family was well a few days ago.

Dear cousin, I want you to write me as soon as you please. I want to hear from Aunt Beckey and Cousin John V. and all the rest of the connection.

I have nothing much to write at present and I will write to you again and I want to try to give you a full letter.

I found a fine garden when I got home.

Mister Stacks: Dear Sir: I shall be glad to see you and your family and all the rest of the connection. I want you to write to us. Dear Sir, our crops look well for the time of year-the best we have seen at this time of the year. Corn is worth One Dollar per bushel. Bacon 12 to 19 cents. Wheat none in market. I have nothing more at present only I remain your friends until death.

Mistress Rebecca Brasfield
John Brasfield

To William Stacks & family.
Write soon.

(It was a custom in those days for a man's wife to write a letter for herself and her husband in the same letter.)

Rebecca Brasfield, above, was a daughter of John C. Valentine, and her letter is addressed to her cousin W. H. Stacks, who was the son of REBECCA VALENTINE, the daughter of John Valentine of Newberry District, S. C. The"Aunt Beckey" above mentioned is the subject of this part.

J. J. Valentine

REBECCA VALENTINE (continued)

I have quoted the letter of Rebecca Valentine Brasfield, my grandfather's (Jesse M. Valentine) sister for she refers to Aunt Becky who is REBECCA VALENTINE. the daughter of John Valentine of John Valentine of Newberry, S. C. who married (1) Mr. Johnson and (2) Mr. Stacks. There are many Johnson and Stacks Census, Court and other records but this is the only record I found stating the exact relationship.

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P A R T SEVEN

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MARY VALENTINE
ELIZABETH VALENTINE
MARGARET VALENTINE
WILLIAM VALENTINE
JESSE VALENTINE
DRUCILLA VALENTINE

The names Mary, Elizabeth, Margaret, William, Jesse and Drucilla appear all along in the various branches of the Valentine family and these are the names of the six children of John Valentine of Newberry County, S. C. for whom I have not accounted.

The Valentine family lived near the Lyles, McCracken, Gordon, Johnson, Stacks, Whitmire, Hatton and other families and it is known that the boys and girls of the Valentine family married into some of these families. More records on this will probably come to light now for everyone seems to give more attention to such things this day and time. It was almost a universal custom in the early days of my life for people to pay little or no attention to their own family records.

My father, William Jesse Valentine, was named for his two youngest great-uncles. (Named above.)

My grandfather, Jesse Monroe Valentine, was given his first name from that of his youngest uncle. (Named above.)

The name Drucilla appears in the family frequently and I feel certain that Drucilla's name listed above is the origin of Cousin "Drew" Crawford's first name.

Miss Catherine Moore of Palmyra, Mo. has the record of the Valentine girl that married into her (the Lyles) family.

Certain Newberry County records show that one Valentine girl married a Hatton and another Valentine girl married a Whitmire.

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E X T R A C T S
From
A Short History of the McCracken Family

We do not have any authentic history of the McCracken family. All we know about them, where they came from, is what our great Uncle Bill Stacks told us. We know they came from South Carolina about the year 1835.

Our Cousin, Doska Crawford, has Uncle Bill Stacks' old Bible. The record in it says that he was born in 1818. Our Grandmother McCracken was his sister. She was older than Uncle Bill, but her birth was not in the Bible.

Uncle Bill said that he was a young man when he came to Alabama.

There is also a record of a Benjamin Stacks that died in 1859. He was the father of Uncle Bill. His wife, great gramdma Rebecca, died in 1860. That is the only record we can find.

There were several families which came through together --- the McCrackens, Stacks, Johnsons, Fishers, Pratts, Nolands, Valentines, and possibly others.

They came down through Georgia, brought their cattle and house-hold goods with them, driving through in wagons. She, Cousin Doska Crawford, said she had the old chair that our great grandma rode in coming over here. They brought coals of fire all the way.

The Johnsons, Stacks and Valentines settled a few miles north of Mantua in Greene County. The Valentines, Pratts, and Nolands moved from there a few years later. Our grandfather, William Houston McCracken, settled just across the creek 1-1/2 miles west of here on what is known as the Thomas place.

Henry C. Thomas married Pa'a sister, Harriet. Grandpa and Grandma McCracken raised only two children - one boy, Jody, died young.

Our father sold his interest in the home place to his younger brother-in-law, Henry C. Thomas. He is the grandfather of the Thomas boys -- Victor, Clifton, and Edgar of Tuscaloosa.

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Uncle Stacks, Uncle Johnson--he was Bob Johnson's father- and Grandpa McCracken all died on their original homesteads. The Valentines moved on somewhere.

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History of the McCracken family
as given at the McCracken Reunion
at Shiloh Church July 10, 1955.

By: W. C. McCracken
A Grandson of William
Houston McCracken.

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P A R T NINE

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V A L E N T I N E
FAMILIES WHO MAY BE RELATED

1. The Census records of 1860 for Chickasaw County, Mississippi, lists S. J. Valentine, R. T. Valentine, Sarah Valentine, Isaac Valentine, N. A. Valentine and Joseph Valentine in Division Two of that County which was enumerated by T. W. McGraw.

2. Major Hiram Vollentine, born in Gates County, N. C., became a citizen of Memphis, Tennessee. I knew his daughter, Inez Vollentine Tighe, in her life-time (after she was over eighty years of age) and she told me that loyal subjects of the King of England spelled their name "Valentine" during the Revolution and that members of the family who were busy fighting the King's "red-coats" spelled their name Volentine or Vollentine to distinguish them from the Tories.

3. J. A. Valentine of Soso, Mississippi, wrote me in April 1928 that his family came originally from Orangeburg, S. C. The Census Records of 1790 show a number of Valentines at Ornageburg, S. C. but the Court House there was burned by General Sherman's men during the Civil War and there are no early records to be found. I can remember my paternal grandmother, Mrs. Jesse M. Valentine, telling me that the Valentines came originally from Orangeburg and Newberry in South Carolina. The people listed in the Census of 1790 at Orangeburg, S. C. may have been closely related.

4. W. J. Valentine at Starkville, Mississippi reared a family there and was a peominent man. I knew him back about 1927 and 1928.

5. J. P. Valentine at Pheba, Mississippi, many years ago was a member of the Mississippi Legislature from Clay County. His family was well known.

6. J. J. L. Valentine of Waco, Texas, wrote me and told me that his father was on the Board of Baylor University when it was founded.

7. A Valentine family lived in Ensley, Alabama, in 1928. They had a shoe store.

8. Joseph W. Valentine wrote me that his father, grandfather and great-grandfather were farmers on Long Island- near Glen Cove.

9. W. I. Valentine in 1931 lived at Hereford, Texas.

10. G. H. Valentine was practicing law at Hendersonville, N. C. in 1928.

11. Mark Valentine wrote me, many years ago, that his grandfather married near Vicksburg, Mississippi. Valentines have been prominent around therefor a long long time.

12. E. F. Valentine with General Office Equipment Corporation told me his family came from New York City.

13. Dr. E. S. Valentine owned Waverly Sanatorium at Columbia, S. C. in 1928.

14. Fletcher Valentine bought millions of pounds of tobacco in North Carolina. He lived at Westfield, when I knew of him.

15. G. W. Valentine lived at Moscow, Tennessee in 1931. His father was Alexander Valentine. Alexander Valentine had a sister, Margaret, and he had two brothers, Nathaniel and Joseph, Alexander Valentine's father was Jimmie Valentine, born in 1802 and the father of Jimmie Valentine was Thomas Valentine, date of birth unknown. Van Valentine, Cousin of Jimmie Valentine, moved to North Tennessee near Kentucky.

16. D. L. Valentine is a department store official with Kerr's, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

17. S. H. Valentine wrote me in 1929 from New Castle, Kentucky, that his people came originally from England.

John Jackson Valentine

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P A R T TEN

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FAITHFUL SLAVES
OWNED
BY THE VALENTINE FAMILY

Census Records and County Court Records reveal that there were some slaves that belonged to the Valentine family.

The Census of 1800 shows that John Valentine of Newberry County, S. C. possessed seven slaves. (Names not given).

The Court Records of Union County, S. C. show that John C. Valentine owned three slaves, "Lucy", "Anny" and "Mahani".

Margaret E. G. Valentine, daughter of John C. Valentine and sister of my grandfather, Jesse M. Valentine, was given two slaves - "Caroline" and "Daniel", under the terms of the Last Will and Testament of Jesse Gordon, her Uncle, and her mother's brother, in Greene County, Alabama.

Thomas L. Valentine and his wife, the daughter of Elijah Hill of Newberry, S. C. owned two slaves - a woman whose name I did not find and a boy named "Rueben". Reuben was about fourteen years old at the end of the Civil War and I talked to him many times after he was in the middle eighties. He stayed on with his master, Thomas L. Valentine, after he was freed. He is the only one of the former slaves of the family with whom I ever talked about the family history and he knew a great deal about them in S. C. and other places. His master was a Baptist preacher and he had been given better advantages than many slaves. He knew his masters father was Zachariah Valentine and said his master's grandfather was named John Valentine. Some of his records were written by his master in a Bible given to him when he was a young man. The slave, Reuben Valentine, furnished me the list of the Valentine, Hill, Smart and Arnett families listed with their births, deaths and marriages in Part Four herein for the records of Zachariah Valentine.

My Grandfather, Jesse M. Valentine, never owned any slaves.

John Jackson Valentine

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VALENTINE ARMY SERVICE RECORDS

The record of the service of John Valentine of Newberry District, S. C. is set forth in PART ONE herein where the certificates of his Revolutionary service are copied in full.

Joel Kennedy Valentine, Cavalry Battalion, Smith's Legion, Georgia Partisan Rangers, C. S. A., kept a journal or diary during his term of service. It is a document now of value beyond compare for we are shortly to have the ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY of the Southern Confederacy. This diary is the best evidence I have found to show the valor, patriotism, fidelity and ability with which the Valentines serve their country in war.

Jesse Monroe Valentine was a member of Company F., 7th Battalion, Mississippi Infantry, C. S. A.

Many of our relatives were killed in the Civil War.

I did not check the records of the War of 1812, but family records indicate that Valentines went to Charleston, S. C. to enlist, and I also made no effort to get records in the War with Mexico.

In World War I, World War II and the Korean conflict, I will have only this to say. I was old enough to go to World War I and my brother, William Alonzo Valentine, was young enough to go to World War II and my brother's son, Hugh Monroe Valentine, Jr., came to military age during the Korean conflict, so the great veteran of military service in my own immediate family was my mother, Mrs. William Jesse Valentine, who went through both World Wars with a son in there each time and then had to go through the Korean conflict with a grand-son in it. Few, if any, can equal the war record possessed by my mother. She is the great veteran in our family.

My brother served almost four years in the Ninety Second Division, my nephew served about four years with the Air Force and I was with the 51st U. S. Infantry and 10th U. S. Cavalry for the duration of World War I.

My own military service brought me much pleasure. At present I am State Commander for Tennessee of the Military Order of World Wars, and I have been honored with high offices in the American Legion and the Society of 40 & 8.

John Jackson Valentine.

C O N C L U S I O N

It is my duty now (Feb. 24th, 1957) to state that all of the original papers I have procured from all sources in this search will be found on file in the Department of Archives and History of the State of Mississippi at Jackson, Mississippi. These papers consist of the original letters from many of the very oldest members of the family living in 1928 and shortly afterwards, certified copies of the Census, County, State, Court and Bible records and the original reports compiled for me by a number of qualified genealogists. I am placing these papers with the Department at Jackson, Mississippi, where they will be in a very safe place in MY NATIVE STATE.

I further want it well known that I always asked for the complete records of the Courts - Civil, Criminal and in Equity -- and there was not a record sent to me showing a Valentine charged with crime.

A bird never returns to the nest in which it is hatched and I find no record of a Valentine who ever turned around and returned to any place he had left behind.

The Valentines seem always to have been careless about keeping up with their relatives at a distance. I did not find any instance where one of them sought help of the other kin off in other and distant neighborhoods. All of them have been very self reliant.

My experiences during the past twenty-eight or twenty-nine years in this search have been such that I am quite proud to have compiled the proceding records of my ancient family - which records are most assuredly more of "The short and simple annals of the poor".

John Jackson Valentine
58 West LaFayette Circle
Memphis 11, Tennessee.

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I N D E X

Anderson, Abraham, father of Mrs. Major Thomas Gordon.

Brasfield, John
" Rebecca Valentine, daughter of John C. Valentine.

Crawford, Mrs. M. B. (Doska) (Drew)

Fisher, Leola, Ralph, Ala.

Gordon, Benjamin, father of Ruth Rebecca
" Eli
" Jesse (Husband of Dorcas H.)
" Ruth Rebecca, married John C. Valentine.
" Major Thomas - grandfather of Ruth Rebecca Gordon.

Hatton, John H.

Huffman, Mrs. K. G.

Johnson, John V.
" Rebecca (Valentine) daughter of John Valentine of Newberry, S. C.
" Robert, Ralph, Alabama.

McCracken, John V.
" Thomas
" W. C., Ralph, Alabama.
" William Houston

Pratt, Hon. J. M.
" Hon. Jack M.
" Mrs. Jane Lee (Valentine).

I N D E X (continued)

Reynolds, Mrs. C. S.

Smart, Thomas J.
Stacks, Benjamin
" Rebecca (Valentine), wife of William H. Stacks & daughter of John Valentine of Newberry, S.C.
" William Harrison, (He was a brother of Benjamin Valentine's wife.)

Teer, Mrs. Laura C.

Valentine, Alton Fox
" Avis Lee
" Benjamin, son of John Valentine of Newberry, S.C.
" Benjamin F. T.
" Carmon E.
" Carmon Epton, Jr.
" Drucilla, daughter of John Valentine of Newberry, S.C.
" Elizabeth " " " "
" Francis M.
" Frances Virginia
" George A.
" Hester
" Hugh Monroe
" Irma Henrietta
" J. A., of Soso, Mississippi.
" James McPherson
" Jesse, son of John Valentine of Newberry Dist., S. C.
" Jesse Monroe
" Joel Kennedy
" John, the Revolutionary soldier who lived in Newberry Dist., S. C.
" John C.
" John Jackson
" John Jefferson
" John S.
" John White
" Louisa Ruth
" Margaret, daughter of John Valentine of Newberry, S.C.
" Margaret A.
" Margaret C.
" Margaret E. G.
" Margaret Rebecca
" Martha T., daughter of Joel K.
" Mary, daughter of John Valentine of Newberry Dist., S.C.
" Mary, daughter of Benjamin

I N D E X (continued)

Valentine, Mary, daughter of John C.
" Mary Alice
" Mary Clyde
" Oscar Lee
" Patricia Lee
" Rebecca, daughter of John Valentine of Newberry, S.C. married (I) Johnson and (2) Stacks.
" Rebecca, daughter of John C.
" Sarah F.
" Dr. Thomas
" Rev. Thomas J., son of Zachariah Valentine
" Virginia (Ford), wife of William Jesse Valentine.
" Virginia (Townsend), wife of John Jackson Valentine.
" William, son of John Valentine of Newberry District, South Carolina.
" William Alonzo
" William Jesse
" Zachariah

Wells, Mrs. J. P.

Whitmire, Nathan

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FAMILY RECORDS

OF

JOHN JACKSON VALENTINE

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1957

JOHN VALENTINE

OF

NEWBERRY DISTRICT OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

FIRST GENERATION

JOHN VALENTINE lived in Newberry District, S. C. in the Duncan Creek and Enoree River neighborhood not far from the present site of Whitmire, S. C. Family Records and public records show that he was a private (mounted horseman) in the South Carolina Militia in the Revolutionary War.
For service in the war for American Independence he received two grants of land as shown by Indent No. 389 in Book U and Indent No. 662 in Book Y of the South Carolina Records. We have record of his wife's Christian name but record of her surname is not found. In deed book N, page 295 her name is recorded as Margaret when a deed of gift was made to lands transferred to Zachariah Valentine. His children were: Rebecca Valentine, b. Oct. 19, 1778 m.(1)_____ Johnson and m. (2) W. H. Stacks; John C. Valentine, b. July 22, 1780, m. Ruth Rebecca Gordon; Mary, b. July 26, 1782; Elizabeth, b. Sept. 4, 1785; Zacharish, b. Jan. 17, 1788, m. _____ and died Nov. 20th, 1829; Margaret, b. Jan. 21, 1790; Benjamin, b. Mar. 29th, 1792, m____ Stacks; Thomas, b. Jan. 18, 1795 (single); William Valentine, b. Mar. 23, 1797; Jesse Valentine, b. Jan. 24th, 1799 and Drucilla Valentine, b. Mar. 7, 1801. John Valentine appears in the U. S. Census of Newberry District, S. C. in 1790, 1800, 1810 and 1820. Probate Court records show that he died on or about Nov. 14th, 1829. Box 88, Pkg. 229 -Estate No. 2844 at Newberry County, S. C. There are other land records showing dealings between him and his children and others there. Family records do not disclose where he is buried but it is thought that he was buried with his wife in one of the country churchyards near Whitmire, S. C.

SECOND GENERATION

JOHN C. VALENTINE, the eldest son of John Valentine married Ruth Rebecca Gordon, the daughter of Benjamin Gordon and the grand-daughter of Major Thomas Gordon. He left Newberry District and moved to Union District, S. C. just over the line of Newberry District and north of his boyhood home. He owned lands and slaves there as County records show and his wife died within a short time after they were established. He then disposed of his holdings in Union District, S. C. and moved to Greene County, Alabama, where a number of his wife's relatives had already settled. The children of John C. Valentine and Ruth Rebecca (Gordon) Valentine were Mary, b. 1809, d. single;

THE VALENTINE FAMILY.

JOHN C. VALENTINE - (Continued)

Rebecca, m. John Brasfield; Francis M., b. 1817, d. single; Jesse Monroe Valentine, b. Feb. 15th, 1820, m. Priscilla Caroline Luther; and Margaret E. G., b. Mar. 7, 1824, m. John White. John C. Valentine died March 9th, 1836, shortly after he had moved to Greene County, Alabama. He is buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery where his brothers Benjamin and Dr. Thomas are buried. The land records of Greene County and the records of the Land office in the Department of Interior of the United States show that he owned land in Greene County, Ala. At one time he gave his address as Pickens County, Alabama, but the county records at Carrollton, Ala. have been destroyed and it is not known that he owned lands in that county.

BENJAMIN VALENTINE was the third son of John Valentine of Newberry District South Carolina and his children were James; Margaret A.; Martha; Benjamin F. T.; and Mary according to the U. S. Census of 1850 for Pickens County, Alabama. His son, Joel Kennedy Valentine, had married Hester MacPherson of Anderson District, S. C, and moved to Rome, Ga. at the time of this census record. Benjamin Valentine married Miss ___ Stacks, thought to be a sister of W. H. Stacks, the second husband of Rebecca Valentine. The children of Zachariah Valentine moved over into the Anderson and Greeneville Districts near Benjamin Valentine before they moved to Grand Junction, Tenn.

ZACHARIAH VALENTINE was the second son of John Valentine of Newberry District, S. C. and he lived in Newberry District all his life. No record of his wife's name has been found, - she, having died prior to his death, is not mentioned in the settlement of his estate. Their children were Thomas J.; Sarah F.; John S.; and Margaret C. These children moved finally to Grand Junction, Tennessee, where Thomas J. Valentine was a Baptist Minister, Before leaving Newberry District Thomas J. Valentine married Rachel F. Hill, the daughter of Eligah Hill of Newberry District. After his first wife died Thomas J. Valentine married Sally Johnson. One of the Valentine girls married a Mr. Smart and the other married a Dr. Towler. I have no record of John S.

DR. THOMAS VALENTINE was the fourth son of John Valentine of Newberry District, S. C. and he came to Greene County, Alabama, where he lived until his death. He remained single and was a great favorite with his nephews and nieces, many of whom had come to Greene County, Alabama, before he died. He is buried at Mount Hebron Cemetery.

THE VALENTINE FAMILY.

REBECCA VALENTINE, the eldest daughter of John Valentine of Newberry District, S. C., was born in Newberry District on October 19th, 1778. She married (I) _____ Johnson and (2) W. H. Stacks. She also moved from Newberry District to Greene County, Alabama, where a number of her people had already moved. Her grandson, Robert Johnson living at Ralph, Alabama, rendered great assistance in compiling the records of the Valentine family.

MARY VALENTINE born July 26th, 1782.
ELIZABETH VALENTINE born Sept. 4th, 1785.
MARGARET VALENTINE born Jan. 21, 1790.
WILLIAM VALENTINE born March 23, 1797.
JESSE VALENTINE born Jan. 24th, 1799.
DRUCILLA VALENTINE born March 7, 1801.
The only record found to date on these above named children of John Valentine of Newberry District, S. C. is the fact that William Jesse Valentine, the son of Jesse Monroe Valentine, was named for his two youngest great uncles. The family lived in the same neighborhood with the Johnson, Stacks, Hatton, Whitmire, McCracken, and Lyles families and it is thought that some of the daughters may have married into those families. The Stacks family and the Johnson family are the only ones of which there is positive record at this time.

THIRD GENERATION

JESSE MONROE VALENTINE, a son of John C. Valentine and Ruth Rebecca (Gordon) Valentine was born in Union District, S. C. He was a small boy when his mother died. His father died shortly after he had carried the children to Greene County, Alabama. He had one brother, Francis M. Who never married. His sister Mary never married. His sister, Rebecca married John Brasfield. His sister, Margaret E. G. Valentine, lived with her Uncle, Jesse Gordon, in Greene County, Ala. until she married Jehu White. Jesse Monroe Valentine married Priscilla Caroline Luther, the daughter of James Martin Luther and Louisa (Coggins) Luther. He had left Greene County, Alabama, and moved to Chickasaw County, Mississippi, before he married. He had a cabinet and wagon shop at the corner of the Houston and Starkville Road and the West Point and Montpelier Road in what is now Clay County, Mississippi and it was destroyed when Grierson's Raid took place in the War between the States. After the war he moved over to the Cairo neighborhood and built a large house there. His children were John Jefferson, b. Sept. 26th, 1861; George A., b. Nov. 25th, 1863; William Jesse Valentine, b. Jan. 2, 1866, m. Virginia Cora Ford; Mary Alice, b. June 29th, 1868, m. P. L. Cliett; Louisa Ruth, b. July 20th, 1870, m. G. Reid; Margaret Rebecca.

THE VALENTINE FAMILY.

THIRD GENERATION - (continued)

JESSE MONROE VALENTINE (continued).

b. June 22, 1873 and Oscar Lee, b. Dr. 7, 1875. William Jesse Valentine was the only son to marry. All the others died single. All the girls married as indicated above. Jesse Monroe Valentine lived a long and useful life at Cairo, Mississippi and he and all his children except William Jesse Valentine are buried in the churchyard of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Cairo, Mississippi.

REBECCA VALENTINE, daughter of John C, Valentine and Ruth Rebecca Valentine, married John Brasfield in Greene County, Alabama. They moved to Chickasaw County, Mississippi, where she died. John Brasfield is buried in Union County, Mississippi.

MARGARET E. G. VALENTINE lived in the home of her uncle, Jesse Gordon, after her father's death. Her uncle was very kind to her and left her some property and slaves when he died. She married John White and moved to Chickasaw County, Mississippi, where she lived until her death. She had one daughter who was named Mary who married Benjamin Robinson.

FRANCIS M. VALENTINE died in Chickasaw County, Mississippi. He never married and is buried at Big Springs cemetery.

MARY VALENTINE never married and Jesse Monroe Valentine cared for her until she died. She is buried at Big Springs cemetery beside her brother Francis M. Valentine.

FOURTH GENERATION

WILLIAM JESSE VALENTINE, the third son of Jesse M. Valentine and Priscilla Caroline (Luther) Valentine, was the only son in the family to marry. He was born on Jan. 2, 1866 and he was married to Virginia Cora Ford, the daughter of Hugh Livingstone Ford and Henrietta (Powell) Ford. He and his wife lived at Cairo, Mississippi for a while and he accumulated considerable land and other property there. Later they moved to the town.

THE VALENTINE FAMILY

FOURTH GENERATION (Continued)

WILLIAM JESSE VALENTINE(continued)

of West Point, Mississippi, where, despite two very difficult business periods, he accumulated some property before he died on Feb. 16, 1910. The children of William Jesse Valentine and Virginia Cora (Ford) Valentine are John Jackson Valentine, m. Virginia Townsend; Irma Henrietta Valentine, m. Wilbur R. Watkins; Mary Clyde Valentine, died young; Frances Virginia Valentine, died young; Hugh Monroe Valentine, m. Avis Lee and William Alonzo Valentine, single.

MARGARET RELECCA VALENTINE married Edward Miller and died shortly afterwards. They had no children.

LOUISA RUTH VALENTINE married George W. Reid and they lived at Big Springs, Mississippi. Their children were Rena, Albert and Burke.

MARY ALICE VALENTINE married P. L. Cliett and their children were May, Spurgeon and Adolphus and Jesse and Grady.

JOHN JEFFERSON VALENTINE,
GEORGE A. VALENTINE,
OSCAR LEE VALENTINE.

These three sons of Jesse Monroe Valentine and Priscilla Caroline (Luther) Valentine all died single and are buried with the family at Cairo, Mississippi.

FIFTH GENERATION

JOHN JACKSON VALENTINE, the eldest son of William Jesse Valentine and Virginia Cora (Ford) Valentine, was born on October 18th, 1891. He married Virginia Townsend, the eldest daughter of William Thomas Townsend and Birdie (Harris) Townsend of Rich, Mississippi. He and his wife lived in West Point, Mississippi, before they moved to Memphis, Tennessee, where they now reside. (1957) They have no children.

IRMA HENRIETTA VALENTINE married Wilbur R. Watkins and they lived at West Point, Mississippi, their children are Virginia; Mary Wilbur, m. Irwin W. Riley; Katherine, m. John J. Mooney, Jr.;

THE VALENTINE FAMILY

FIFTH GENERATION (continued)

IRMA HENRIETTA VALENTINE (continued).

and Laura Elizabeth, m. James J. La Rose.

HUGH MONROE VALENTINE married Avis Lee and they have two children, Hugh Monroe, Jr, and Patricia, M. Don Pounds.

WILLIAM ALONZO VALENTINE is single and still lives at 117 West Main Street where he was born on May 21st, 1906.

FRANCES VIRGINIA VALENTINE
MARY CLYDE VALENTINE
These two children of William Jesse Valentine and Virginia Cora (Ford) Valentine died when they were quite young. They are buried with their father in Greenwood Cemetery at West Point, Mississippi.

JOHN JACKSON VALENTINE

JOHN JACKSON VALENTINE, the eldest son of William Jesse Valentine and Virginia Cora Ford Valentine was born at Cairo, Mississippi, on October 18th, 1891 on lands his father had bought from Thaddeus Bouchillon. Later on William Jesse Valentine and Virginia Cora Ford Valentine bought the Pulley farm which joined their land and they moved from down in the woods up to the Pulley residence which was on the West Point and Montpelier Road. Then a little later the family moved to West Point, Mississippi. Almost all of the old Valentine family are buried in the churchyard of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Cairo, Mississippi. Three of the old members of the Valentine family are buried at the Big Springs Cemetery near Enon Church about three miles from Cairo, Mississippi. William Jesse Valentine is buried in the family square in Greenwood Cemetery at West Point, Mississippi.

John Jackson Valentine first went to a private school taught by Mr. Wells at Cairo, Mississippi. Mr. Wells boarded with the Valentine when he taught his school there. Mr. Wells married Lockie Howard, a sister of Mr. L. J. Howard who later became the Chancery Clerk of Clay County, Mississippi while he (Mr. Howard) was a very young man and he held that office until he died. Mr. L. J. Howard was the Clerk of the Chancery Court in which John Jackson Valentine took the examination for admission to the practice of law. Chancellor A. J. McIntyre, at West Point, Mississippi gave him this examination and when the examination papers were completed they were forwarded to Chancellor Joe May, Cleveland, Bolivar County, Mississippi. Chancellor Joe May approved the examination and John Jackson Valentine was admitted to the practice of law in Mississippi in the Supreme Court at Jackson, Mississippi. He took the oath as an attorney before Chief Justice Sydney Smith, one of the members of the law faculty of Millsaps College.

After the Valentine family moved to West Point, Mississippi, John Jackson Valentine graduated from Lynch High School and later he obtained a B. S. degree from the University of Mississippi and an LL.B. degree from Millsaps College.

During World War One, John Jackson Valentine served first as a private in the Machine Gun Company of the 51st U. S. Infantry from which he went to the Provisional Officers School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, where he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and was assigned to the 10th United States Cavalry, one of the oldest regiments in the Regular Army.

He was discharged from the Army on April 13th, 1919 and returned to West Point, Mississippi and became a partner in the law practice with Judge Thomas Charles Kimbrough in the law firm of Kimbrough & Valentine, Attorneys and Solicitors. About two years later, Judge Kimbrough entered the faculty of the Law Department of the University of Mississippi at Oxford, Mississippi, and very shortly afterwards Judge Thomas Charles Kimbrough became the Dean of the School of Law of the University of Mississippi. Judge Thomas Charles Kimbrough was a graduate of the first Law class at Millsaps college

(JOHN JACKSON VALENTINE- continued)

and John Jackson Valentine was a member of the last Law class to graduate at Millsaps College at Jackson, Mississippi. The Law School at the University of Mississippi absorbed the Law Department of Millsaps College when World War One was being fought and all the equipment and other property of the department was given by Millsaps College to the University at that time.

It is interesting to note that these two great law schools of Mississippi were consolidated when Judge Thomas Charles Kimbrough, a graduate of Millsaps College, was Dean of the Law Department at the University of Mississippi.

On October 20th, 1921 John Jackson Valentine was married to Virginia Townsend, the eldest daughter of William Thomas Townsend and Birdie Harris Townsend at Rich, Mississippi.

After serving a term in the House of Representatives of the State of Mississippi, John Jackson Valentine was admitted to the bar and entered the law practice at Memphis, Tennessee where he is now a member of the Memphis & Shelby County Bar Association, The Bar Association of Tennessee and the American Bar Association. He has represented and been connected with a number of prominent business firms and organizations in Memphis during the past thirty-three years.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM BARBOUR

A record of his descendants taken
from County, State and family records
in Richmond, Culpeper and Madison
Counties in Virginia.

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B A R B O U R

CAPTAIN WILLIAM BARBOUR lived in Richmond County, Virginia and Charles Barbour is mentioned as one of the executors of the last will and testament of William Barbour, Gent. The last will and testament of Samuel Bayley makes bequests to Joice Barbour, wife unto Captain William Barbour. See Order Book No. 1, Richmond County, Virginia. Also William and Mary Magazine, Vol. 17, page 73.

(The family records of Mr. Terrill C. Taylor of Madison, Virginia showed in 1928 that his grandmother, whom he remembered quite well) was Frances Barbour who married Thomas Taylor and that Frances Barbour Taylor was a member of the family of Gabriel Barbour who had a brother, Mordecai Barbour, a very rich man, who lived about one mile from Madison, Virginia, where he died. Gabriel Barbour was a member of the London Virginia Company and is known to have given one thousand pounds to a fund to establish Christianity among the Indians.

CHARLES BARBOUR, son of Captain William Barbour and Joice (Bayley) Barbour, had a son named Captain William Barbour. He lived in Richmond County, Virginia. His wife was Frances Glasscock. Charles Barbour devised lands to his son, William Barbour and William Barbour sold these lands on November 14th, 1763. In 1699 suit was filed against Charles and Lucy Barbour naming them as surviving executors of the estate of William Barbour, Gent., deceased. Charles Barbour was a Captain of the militia, lieut. Colonel in 1713 against the Indians. He was sheriff of Richmond County, Virginia 1704-14. He was a member of the House of Burgesses for Richmond County, Virginia 1720,22,23 and 26. His will is probated in Richmond County. He died in 1726. The children of Charles Barbour were Charles, Aug. 11, 1704; Mary, Dec. 26th, 1706; Ann, Aug. 16th, 1709; Elizabeth, Mar.4th, 1711; William, Nov. 17th, 1714; Frances; and Thomas. Charles Barbour and his wife, Frances, conveyed land formerly the land of William Barbour, father of Charles Barbour, to Austin Brockenbrough. The will of Mary Carpenter gives record of the family of Frances Barbour, the wife of Charles Barbour - calling her Frances Glasscock, the wife of Charles Barbour. (See Wm. & Mary Mag. Vol. 17, p. 184 and Will Book 3, Richmond County, Virginia, Nov. 23, 1726.)

CAPTAIN WILLIAM BARBOUR was born Nov. 17, 1714 and he lived in Richmond County, Virginia. He married Elizabeth Bailey. Their daughter, Frances Barbour, married Thomas Taylor, the youngest son of Charles Taylor of Richmond County, Virginia. Captain William Barbour was the son of Charles Barbour. The land records of Richmond County, Virginia, show that the other children of Captain William Barbour were Samuel, m. Catherine _____;

CAPTAIN WILLIAM BARBOUR (continued)

Elizabeth, m. Manning Wise; Lucy; and Ann,m. John Fox. Frances, their daughter, also mentioned therein, and listed above as the wife of Thomas Taylor, lived in Madison County, Virginia. (Vol. 13, p. 129. Extracts from North Farnham Parish Register in Clerk's office, Warsaw, Richmond County, Va.) The land records of Richmond County show that William Barbour transferred land to Samuel Barbour and the conveyance states that it is land devised to William Barbour by his father Charles Barbour. (Notes on Culpeper County, Virginia - St. Marks Parish, page 145.) Madison County, Virginia, was formed from that part of Culpeper County and that accounts for the Barbour's lands in Madison County. Gabriel Barbour, said to be a member of the London Virginia Company, is thought to be the father or the grandfather of Capt. Wm. Barbour whose wife was Joice (Bayley) Barber. This Gabriel Barbour had a brother, Mordecai Barbour, who lived about one mile from Madison County, Virginia, until he died and Mordecai Barbour was the father of Jack Barbour, a great Virginia lawyer, and he was the grandfather of John S. Barbour, who was Senator from Virginia a long time. Jack Barbour called Frances Barbour Taylor a cousin and always called to see her when attneding sessions of Court at Madison Court House in Madison, Va.

FRANCES BARBOUR, daughter of William Barbour and Elizabeth (Bailey) Barbour, married Thomas Taylor, son of Charles Taylor, of Orange County, Virginia on Octover 4th, 1800. Her children were Pannell Taylor, b. 1801, m. Milly Brown; Elizabeth Taylor, b. 1803, died single; "Patsy" (Martha) Taylor, b. 1805, m. George Washington Ford; Sarah Jane Taylor, b. 1806, m. M. Burke; Nancy Taylor, b. 1808, m. Manning Wise; John Barbour Taylor, b. 1811, m. _____, moved to Louisiana and became wealthy with sugar plantations; Thomas E. Taylor, b. 1814, m. _____ Henshaw and moved to Maryland and then on further west before the Civil War; Margaret Taylor, b. 1820 and died single; and Arthur Taylor, b. 1823, m. ____ Murray and had one son, R. O. Taylor. "Patsy" (Martha) Taylor (shown in the above list of children) married George Washington Ford and moved from Madison and Culpeper Counties in Virginia to Chickasaw County in Mississippi. Frances Barbour (above) was the wife of George Washington Ford, the great grandfather of John Jackson Valentine, who has the spinning stick used to turn the spinning wheel, when yarns were spun for weaving cloth at home in those days.

"PATSY" (MARTHA) TAYLOR FORD is shown in the Ford chapter and the Taylor Chapter in this record.

L U R R E L L C O G G I N S

Family records reveal that he lived in Rowan County, North Carcline, and in the State of Georgia before he moved with his large family to Chickasaw County, Mississippi, where he died.

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THE COGGINS FAMILY

BURRELL COGGINS came to Chickasaw County, Mississippi, from the State of Georgia according to family records. He had lived in Rowan County, North Carolina, before he had moved down into the state of Georgia. He had a very large family but record of his wife's name has not yet been found. The records of Rowan County reveal that a number of the Coggins family lived there. Some of them lived in Randolph County, North Carolina, too. There is record of twelve children of Burrell Coggins- Calvin, Jarrett, Nelson, Titus, John, George, Whitman, Martha, Jane, Louisa, Hepsey, and Laura. One of the grandsons of Burrell Coggins was named John E. Coggins, a son of the above named Nelson Coggins, who lived all his life at Griffith, Mississippi, and died just a few years ago. I have the picture of Burrell Coggins made after he was quite old and he was very fond of fine clothes. He wore especially gay waistcoats, or vests, and he was a man of considerable means, owning considerable property in land and slaves. (One of his sons, Jarrett Coggins, was a slave trader and brought slaves from the east and sold them at Palo Alto, Mississippi, in the rich prairie belt then a great cotton producing section. Jarrett Coggins is said to have been considered a millionaire just before the Civil War but I can remember him quite well about the time I was six years of age or seven and at that time he had lost all his property and was entirely dependent on his children.) My grandmother always referred to him as Grandpa Burrell Coggins. I also remember Uncle Titus Coggins after he was a very old man. He always had the very finest garden up and around Big Springs neighborhood and he never allowed a plow in the garden. All the earth was turned with a spade. (And it must have been necessary to have a great many people to help with it and work the garden because it was very large.)

LOUISE COGGINS, one of the daughters of Burrell Coggins, married James Martin Luther, the son of Jacob Luther of Randolph County, North Carolina. She and her husband lived at Atlanta, Georgia, until 1848 when they moved to Chickasaw County, Mississippi. Priscilla Carolina Luther, their daughter who married Jesse Monroe Valentine, was four years old when they moved to Mississippi. A Large number of the members of the Coggins and Luther families had already gone to Chickasaw County, Missippi, before they left Atlanta, Georgia. Her husband, James Martin Luther, built the first grist mill and the first saw mill run by water power in the Montpelier, Big Springs and Cairo Area. It is said that his was the first plank house made of mill sawed lumber in that vicinity. Record of her children is shown in the Luther chapter in this record. She was the great grandmother of John Jackson Valentine who gathered this family record.

THE COGGINS FAMILY (continued)

PRISCILLA CAROLINE (LUTHER) VALENTINE was the daughter of James Martin Luther and Louisa (Coggins) Luther, She married (I) J. M. Valentine and (2) Ezekiel Hawkins. Record of her brothers and sister as well as record of her children appears in the chapters on the Luther and Valentine families.

JAMES DEAN

Family records show James Dean
who lived near Macon, Georgia,
was the father of Mary Jane Dean,
his daughter, who married against
her father's wishes and who was
never in touch with her own
family again.

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THE DEAN FAMILY

JAMES DEAN was a large landowner living near Macon, Georgia, when a young overseer on his plantation married his daughter, Mary Jane Dean. The young overseer's name was James William Powell and James Dean objected so seriously to the marriage that he "cut off" his daughter. Mary Jane Dean's father did give her a slave girl named Julianne who lived with her until Mary Jane died in Mississippi. James William Powell and his wife left Georgia and settled in Chickasaw County, Mississippi. James Dean seems to have had no further interest in his daughter after she went to Mississippi and none of Mary Jane Dean's family seem to have ever had any interest in the Dean family back in Georgia. Distances and times counted in a very different way in those days and it is possible that this connection is forever lost.

MARY JANE DEAN was born on December 25, 1823 near Macon, Georgia. She was a daughter of James (Jimmie) Dean, a well to do landowner there. No record of her mother has been found and it is not known whether she had any brothers or sisters. Almost all of the information about her before her marriage to James William Powell has come from the slave girl, Julianna, given to Mary Jane Dean by her father when she married. It seems that she married James William Powell over the tremendous objections of her father and (to use the exact expression of Julianna) her father "cut her off". Mary Jane (Dean) Powell died at the age of twenty-seven in the Old Dixie Mill neighborhood near Sparta, Mississippi, when her last son, William Alexander Powell, was born. All her children were Mary Etta, died young; Henrietta, m. Hugh Livingstone Ford; James Hiram, m. Mrs. Mattie Carter; Benjamin Franklin, m. Sophia Langston; and William Alexander, m. Nancy Byars. Henrietta Powell, above named. married Hugh Livingstone Ford and their children were Mary E., Virginia C., Andrew J., William A., and Hugh Washington. Virginia C. (above named) married William Jesse Valentine and their children were John Jackson, Irma Henrietta, Mary Clyde, Frances Virginia, Hugh Monroe and William A. and their records all show in the chapter for the Valentine family.

HENRIETTA POWELL, the daughter of Mary Jane Dean Powell, lived at Montpelier, Mississippi, after she was married to Hugh Livingstone Ford who was a planter there. Record of her is shown in the chapters on the Powell and Ford familied in this work

JOHN FORD

A record of his family in Stafford , Madison and Culpeper Counties in Virginia and a record of his military service in the War for American Independence. Family Records show that three brothers, John Ford, William Ford and Absalom Ford came to Virginia from Ireland and settled in Stafford County. The grave of John Ford, who died in Madison County, Virginia, was marked by the Culpeper Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1936. Absalom Ford died in Scott County, Kentucky and William Ford died in Fauguier County, Virginia.

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JOHN FORD

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Family records and public records show that John Ford, a Revolutionary soldier, lived in and owned lands in both Madison County and Culpeper County, Virginia, He enlisted in the Continental Army on the 15th day of January, 1779 in Captain Gillison's Company, 6th Virginia Regiment as shown by the records of the Adjutant General's office and the records in the office of the Librarian of the Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va. (Revolutionary Army Volume 1, Reg. 65 and also " W. D. 128,9.") His grave has been marked by the Culpeper Chapter, D. A. R. - 1936. John Ford was born June 17th, 1755 and he first married Mrs. _____ Myrtle. He was born in Stafford County, Virginia. Record of his wife's Christian name and date of their marriage cannot be found for it is probably in some of the lost books of Stafford County According to Mrs. C. H. Wine who made a long and careful genealogical search into these and other records. He had two children by his first wife - Benjamin and Sally. John Ford's second wife was Rosanna Newman and their children were James, William Pannel, Jackson, Lucy and Nancy. John Ford died between February 10th, 1825 and April 28, 1825 for his will was ordered to probate on April 28th, 1825 in the County Court of Madison County, Virginia.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN FORD

I, John Ford, of the County of Madison and State of Virginia, being of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament as follows:

I reccomend my Soul to Almighty God and my body to be buried at the discretion of Executors hereafter mentioned.

First: It is my wish that all my just debts be paid.

I lend to my beloved wife, Rosanna Ford, that part of the tract of land whereon I now live lying on the North side of the main road leading from Simeon Wayland's Mill to Pratt's line, which I suppose will contain between three and four hundred acres, including the dwelling house during her natural life - also the following slaves, viz:George, Joe, Horace and Washington for and during her natural life.

I give to my beloved wife, Rosanna, the following slaves, viz: Winney, and her children, Lill, Sarah, Hawin and Thornton and the future increase of the females to be given by her to her children or grandchildren in any way she may think proper, tp them and their increase forever-also six milch cows, four horses and a wagon and gear, also twenty-five head of sheep, all my household and kitchen furniture and plantation utensils to her at her own disposal forever,

I give to my son, James Ford, after the death of my wife all that part of the tract of land whereon I now live lying on the North side of the road leading from Simeon D. Wayland's Mill to Pratt's line and with that line to crooked run and down same to the beginning which I suppose will contain between three and four hundred acres.

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being the same land which I have lent to my wife, Rosanna, during her natural life to him and his heirs forever upon the express condition, that he conveys the land whereon he now lives to my son-in-law Nathaniel Tatum in fee simple to him and his heirs forever and if my said son fails to make such conveyance then my said son-in-law Nathaniel Tatum to have the said tract hereby given to my son, James Ford in lieu of the land which my said son, James Ford, is hereby required to convey to the said Nathaniel Tatum.

I give to my son, William Pannel Ford, all the remainder of my lands in Madison and Culpeper Counties, Virginia, to him and his heirs forever subject to the payment of four hundred and fifty - twotwo dollars to be paid in equal proportion to my three grand-children, William Fontaine Tucker, James Monroe Tucker and John Thompson Tucker as they respectively arrive at the age of twenty-one years, and in case of failure, the land to be bound for the payment thereof. Also the following negroes - Tameer, Emily and Dice and their future increase to him and his heirs forever-also ten sheep.

I give to my son Benjamin Ford's children one dollar, having already given their father his proportion of my estate.

I give to my daughter, Nancy Ford, of Kentucky after the d[illegible] [illegible]f my wife a negro man named Joe.

I give to my son, William Pannel Ford, after the death of my wife a negro man named Washington.

I give to my son, James Ford, after the death of my wife a negro man named George.

I give to my son-in-law, Nathaniel Tatum, after the death of my wife a negro man named Horace.

I give to my son, John Ford, one dollar having already given to him his proportion of my estate.

I give to my Grandson, John Thompson Tucker, a negro boy named Stephen and a horse, bridle and saddle to him and his heirs forever.

I give to my grandson, James Monroe Tucker, a horse of the value of Sixty dollars cash to him and his heirs forever.

I give to Jany Myrtle, daughter of my first wife, born after my marriage with her mother one dollar.

And lastly I appoint my son, James Ford and my son-in-law Nathaniel Tatum, Executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 10th day of February, 1825.

John Ford (LL)

Signed, sealed and pronounced as his
last will and testament in presence of

JOHN FORD (continued)

Wesley Fry
William Bickers
John Massey
Simeon B. Wayland

ORDER ADMITTING WILL TO PROBATE

At a Court held for Madison County on the 20th day of April, 1825, this last will and testament of John Ford, deceased, was produced into Court and proved by the oaths of Wesley Fry and John Massey, witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of James Ford and Nathaniel Tatum, executors therein named, who made oath thereto and entered into bond with security according to law, a certificate of probate thereof in due form is granted them.

Teste:

Belfield Cave, C. M. C.

John Ford appeared in the First U. S. Census of Stafford County, Virginia, in 1790.

BENJAMIN FORD

BENJAMIN FORD, the eldest son of John Ford died in Madison County, Virginia and his nuncupative will is recorded in Book No. 4, page 233 in the County Court Records of Madison County, Virginia, it having been offered for probate on May 22nd, 1823. Joseph Hume and John Terrill were witnesses on April 4th, 1823.

On May 6th, 1803, he had married Elizabeth Leavell of Spottsylvania County Virginia, and they had eleven children - Maria, b. May 2nd, 1804; Carter, b. October 16th, 1805; Nancy, b. June 24th, 1807, George Washington, b. February 4th, 1809; Mildred, b. Nov. 24, 1810; Narcissa, b. October 8, 1812; Sarah A., b. November 24th, 1814; Benjamin J. W., b. October 19th, 1816; Elizabeth F., b. October 24th, 1818; Andrew J., b. September 1820; and James M., b. December 18th, 1822.

Benjamin Ford Evidently was born in Stafford County, Virginia, for family records show that he came to Madison County, Virginia, with his father, John Ford. Proff of the names of the parents of Benjamin Ford is found in Book 16, page 65 of the land records of Madison County, Virginia. The names of his wife and children are established by the Court, land, marriage, family and other records of Madison County, Virginia. Deed Book No. 15, page 50; Marriage Register No. 1, pages 269, 276, 278, 279, 281 and 287 in the Madison County Clerk's office.

ABSTRACT OF LAST WILL
(Nuncupative)

Book 4, page 233 of the County Court Clerk's Office for Madison County, Virginia shows - "We, Joseph Hume and John Terrill, witnesses to the nuncupative Will of Benjamin Ford, deceased, say that they were present on the 4th day of April, 1823 at the house of the said Benjamin Ford, deceased, in his last illness when said Ford observed that he had sent for his neighbors and friends to take notice, or words of the like import, that he wished all his property to be kept together during the lifetime of his wife, Elizabeth, and that she should have the use of it, that he owed but few debts and one load of flour she could send to Fredericksburg and sell and that would pay his debts. He said the money he had due him in Kentucky, his wife could collect and invest it in such property as she might think proper. When the children got of age she might advance something if she thought proper and after his wife's death he wished the property equally divided, that he wished no distinction among any of them".

At a Court held for Madison County, May 22nd, 1823, this nuncupative will of Benjamin Ford was offered for probate by said Hume and Terrill. The Court ordered the same to be copied " Will of Benjamin Ford."

Belfield Cave, Clerk

GEORGE WASHINGTON FORD

GEORGE WASHINGTON FORD was the second son of Benjamin Ford and Elizabeth Leavell Ford of Madison County, Virginia. He was born on February 4th, 1809 in Madison County, Virginia and he married Martha (Patsy) Taylor, a daughter of Thomas Taylor of Madison County, Virginia. "Patsy Taylor's father Thomas Taylor, was a child during the period of the Revolutionary war but Dr. Charles Taylor, the father of Thomas Taylor, did service in the Continental Army for Independence. (Records of his service appear in the Taylor section of this work.) George Washington Ford and his wife, "Patsy" Taylor Ford, owned land in both Culpeper County and Madison County, Virginia.

The children of George Washington Ford and "Patsy" Taylor Ford were John T., b. September 6, 1835; Mary Frances, b. May 4th, 1837; Sarah Ann, B. November 5th, 1838; Hugh Livingstone, b. September 4th, 1840; George Marcellus, b. September 23rd, 1842; and William Andrew, b. August 9th, 1850.

George Washington Ford moved with his family from Virginia to Chickasaw County, Mississippi in 1847. All his children except William Andrew Ford were born in Virginia. He prospered and acquired considerable property in land and slaves in Mississippi. His lands were in that part of Chickasaw County, Mississippi, which later was taken to form Clay County, Mississippi.

After George Washington Ford became a very old man he divided his property equally between his children and spent the remaining years of his life living with first one and then another of his children at Montpelier, Mississippi.

The land records of Madison County, Virginia, Culpeper County, Virginia, Chickasaw County, Mississippi and Clay County, Mississippi reveal numerous entries showing his dealings in lands and slaves.

George Washington Ford married again after his first wife, "Patsy" (Martha) Taylor Ford, had died. His second wife was Mary Harrington and there was no issue.

The names of all the slaves belonging to George Washington Ford could not be found but information on Jim (the same age as George MarcellusO, Frank, Ben, Jane, Katherine and Faithy was found. Some of the slaves came from Virginia to Mississippi with the family. One slave was bought from Jarrett Coggins of Palo Alto, Mississippi.

HUGH LIVINGSTONE FORD

HUGH LIVINGSTONE FORD, the second son of George Washington Ford and Martha "Patsy) Taylor Ford, was born on September, 4, 1840 in Culpeper County, Virginia and he was seven years of age when his family moved from Virginia to Chickasaw County, Mississippi. There were some other families from that part of Virginia from which the Ford family came and they called the little settlement in Chickasaw County, Mississippi, " Montpelier". They named the little Village Montpelier for the home of James Madison which was located at Culpeper Court House, Virginia. The Fords and the Madisons were related. When the war between the states began Hugh Livingstone Ford enlisted in Company K., 35th Regiment, Mississippi Infantry, Confederate States Army on March 1st, 1862 at West Point, Mississippi and he served under Colonel William S. Barry. He was wounded in the siege of Vicksburg and was captured when the city of Vicksburg fell on July 4th, 1863. He was paroled at Meridian, Mississippi on May 10th, 1865. The General Services Administration through its National Archives and Records Service have provided me with photostat copies of his entire service record and muster rolls on June 4th, 1954. Hugh Livingstone Ford was the Worshipful Master of his Masonic Lodge at Montpelier, Mississippi and he served in the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi in 1900 and 1902. After the Civil War, Hugh Livingstone Ford married Henrietta Powell, the daughter of James William Powell and Mary Jane Dean Powell, on August 1st, 1865 and their children were Mary Livingstone, b. June 13th, 1866; Virginia Cora, b. March 15th, 1868; Andrew Jackson, b. September 15th, 1870; William Alonzo, B. October 24th, 1873; and Hugh Washington, b. February 7th, 1879. Long after his wife, Henrietta Powell Ford, died he married Susan S. Thompson on May 10th, 1896. He died on July 10th, 1902 after he had returned home from his work in the Mississippi Legislature. He was buried with Masonic honors in the old Amity Cemetery where almost all the other members of the Ford family are buried a short distance out of Montepelier, Missippi. The land, court, marriage, was and county records all evidence the fact that he was a native Virginian who became a fine adopted son of the State of Mississippi.

VIRGINIA CORA FORD VALENTINE

VIRGINIA CORA FORD VALENTINE (Mrs. William Jesse Valentine) was the second daughter of Hugh Livingstone Ford and Henrietta Powell Ford. She was born on March 15th, 1868 at Montpelier, Clay County, Mississippi, a small town where her grandfather, George Washington Ford, settled when he moved his family from Madison County and Culpeper County, Virginia to Mississippi in 1844. The little town of Montpelier was named for the home of James Madison at Culpeper Courthouse, Virginia. The Ford family and the Madison family were related. She was married to William Jesse Valentine on November 30th, 1890 and their children were John Jackson, b. October 18th, 1891; Irma Henrietta b. January 15th, 1894; Mary Clyde, b. July 29th, 1896; Frances Virginia, b. May 6th, 1899; Hugh Monroe, b. March 22nd, 1903; and William Alonzo, b. Lay 21st, 1906. Her husband acquired considerable land and other property at Cairo, Mississippi, where they first resided, but they moved over to West Point, Mississippi in September, 1899. After the death of William Jesse Valentine on February 16th, 1910 she lived on in the old family residence at 117 West Main Street, West Point, Mississippi, where she reared her family. William Alonzo Valentine, her youngest son, lived wuth her there until she died on April 1, 1957. The old residence was the former home of William A. Bryan, formerly an old Sheriff of Clay County. Three of her sons and one daughter are still living. (1957) She had six grandchildren and ten great grand children.

MAJOR THOMAS GORDON

A record of his descendants as shown
by State, County and family records in
Newberry district, South Carolina.

THE GORDON FAMILY

THOMAS GORDON, one of seven brothers who emigrated from Scotland was the ancestor of the Gordons in America as herein outlined. He was born in Scotland on September 10th, 1743 and records indicate that he was married to Miss Mary Caldwell, date unknown. All his brothers who accompanied him from Scotland, like himself, served in the war for American Independence, but thus far we have not discovered records of them. It is believed that they were lost in the war but there is no authentic record of it. There is, however, positive record that Thomas Gordon was elected Major under the command of Colonel John Lyles and that he served with him in Show Camps and in the expedition against the Cherokees. He took an active part in the Revolutionary struggle as South Carolina records show at the Capitol in Columbia, South Carolina. According to Judge John O'Neall (1850-1858) in his "Annals of Newberry", Thomas Gordon was the first Sheriff of Newberry County, South Carolina, entering upon his duties at the first Court which was held at the House of Col. Robert Rutherford on the 5th day of September, 1785. His term of office was two years in accordance with the Constitution of 1778. Thd duties of that office were correctly performed according to Judge O'Neall who said, " And as such, I am proud to say they have ever since been performed." Public records of the State of So. Carolina show the Military service of Thomas Gordon in Bradford's Regiment at the fall of Charleston and record of his receipt to the State for 348, Stg. L-49, 14.3 1/4 Military Pay, sworn to by Robert Rutherford, Justice of the Peace, 28th July, 1786. (Indent No. 2857, Lib. X). The records of the state also show that on June ye 1st day, 1779 that Thomas Gordon supplied the public with two steers appraised by Captain James Lyles and Lieutenant Thomas Jones at two guinieas each, (Indent 767, Book X) for which full satisfaction was not received unto 27th of September 1785 when he receipted to the state for four pounds, seven shillings including interest, the two steers being for Military supply. Further he received from the State of South Carolina 12th March, 1785, eighteen pounds 4/1 stg. for a horse that he lost in Military Service, the same being appraised by the Commanders (Indent No. 173, Lib. Z.). Family records indicate that Thomas Gordon died November 16th, 1833 in Columbia, S. C., having lived a little over ninety years. He was survived by three sons; Benjamin, Jesse, and Eli, all of whom were natives of Newberry County, South Carolina.

(SECOND GENERATION)

BENJAMIN GORDON, the first son of Thomas Gordon, was born in Newberry District, South Carolina in 1768. He married Miss Rebecca Johnson, Union District, S. C. where they resided. We have been unable to learn much of his record but we find that the names of his children were: John, Jesse, Thomas, Rebecca, William, Elizabeth Samuel Otterson, and Mary. His wife died in 1805 shortly after the birth of Mary, their youngest child, and he then moved to

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Tennessee, where he is reported to have married a young wife. Here we lose sight of him. It is thought, however, that there were other children as there are numbers of Gordons in Tennessee.

JESSE GORDON, the second son of Thomas Gordon, was born in Newberry District, S. C. in 1770. He was married to a Miss Hardy. They moved to Greene County, Alabama, where they spent the remainder of their lives. His children were Jefferson (M. 1st Martha Pearson and 2nd Eliza Bonnell) and D. Covington -(Moved to Helena, Arkansas.) Jesse Gordon was buried in the cemetery at Mt. Nebron, Alabama, when he died in 1850.

ELI GORDON, the third son of Thomas Gordon, was born in Newberry District, S. C. in 1773. The name of his wife was Rebecca Caldwell. His children were Elizabeth (m. Barnett Sims.), Eli (moved to Houston, Mississippi). and Abram (resident of Maybinton, So. Carolina. Eli Gordon died near Maybinton, S. C. date unknown.

THIRD GENERATION

FAMILY OF BENJAMIN GORDON:

JOHN GORDON, first son of Benjamin Gordon was born in Union District, S. C. in 1788. We have no record giving the name of his wife. Very little of his early life is recorded. He is reported to have moved to Texas about 1848 and his children were John, Jesse, Sarah, May and Susan.

JESSE GORDON, the second son of Benjamin Gordon, was born in Union District, S. C. in 1790. He married Miss Elizabeth Stevens who died shortly afterwards and no children were born to them. He moved to Alabama with his uncle, Jesse Gordon, and settled in Greene County where he married again to Miss Dorcas Means. There were no children born to the second marriage. He died in Alabama in 1845.

THOMAS GORDON, the third child of Benjamin Gordon, was born in Union District, S. C. in 1793. He moved to Upson County, Georgia after his mother's death. Further record of him and his sons and daughters has not yet been found.

REBECCA GORDON or RUTH REBECCA GORDON as she was also named was the fourth child of Benjamin Gordon and was born in Union District, S. C. in 1795. She was married to Mr. John C. Valentine and they resided in Union District, S. C. where she died. Records show that their children were: Francis, Mary, Rebecca, Jesse Monroe and Margaret E. G.

WILLIAM GORDON, the fifth child of Benjamin Gordon, was born in Union District, S. C. in 1797 and after his mother's death he moved to Pickens County, Alabama. He married Miss Mariah McCracken and they resided in Pickens County. Dates of their deaths are not recorded. Their children were Berry, Albert,

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WILLIAM GORDON - (continued)

Lodoakie, Mariah, James H., Henry and Elizabeth.

ELIZABETH GORDON, the sixth child of Benjamin Gordon, was born in Union District, S. C. in 1799. She married a Mr. Virden who was either a native of Georgia or moved to Georgia later and settled in Upson County. She died in Upson County, Georgia, date unknown. There were several children but their names are not recorded.

SAMUEL OTTERSON GORDON, the seventh child of Benjamin Gordon, was born in Union District, S. C. on March 22nd, 1802. His mother died when he was quite young. Shortly afterwards his father moved to Tennessee. Being left without parents, Samuel Otterson Gordon was bound out by the State(as was the custom in those days) to serve until he was of age to Henry Walker, father of Cephas Walker connected with the family later. After Samuel Otterson came to his majority he married Miss Annie Glenn Sims, daughter of Patrick Henry Sims, of Newberry District, S. C. They moved to Greene County, Alabama where they were successful in accumulating a comfortable fortune. Their children were : Harriet Lucinda, William Patrick Henry, Mary Elvira, Thompson Sims, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert Hyne, Elizabeth Jane, Ann Sims and Samuel James.

MARY GORDON, the eighth child of Benjamin Gordon, was born in Union District, S. C. in 1805. She was married to Charles Whitlock. There is record of their having three daughters but their names are not available. They resided near Decatur, Georgia, where Mary Gordon died.

FOURTH GENERATION

REBECCA GORDON or RUTH REBECCA GORDON, the fourth child of Benjamin Gordon, married Mr. John C. Valentine and the records of Union District, S. C. show that they owned lands and slaves there. Ruth Rebecca Gordon Valentine died in Union District, So. Carolina according to family records and then John C. Valentine moved his family to Greene County, Alabama. Records indicate that he had property in Pickens County, Alabama and he gave Pickens County, Alabama, as his place of residence when he bought lands offered for sale in the Land Office of the United States at Tuscaloosa, Ala. The Court House at Carrollton, Alabama, the County seat of Pickens County, burned and no record of this can be found. The records of Greene County, Alabama, show that he owned lands there. The children of Rebecca (or Ruth Rebecca) Gordon Valentine and John C. Valentine were : Francis, Mary, Rebecca, Jesse Monroe and Margaret E. G. Jesse Monroe Valentine, her fourth child was the grandfather of John Jackson Valentine who compiled this record of the Valentine and kindred families.

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CHRISTIAN LUTHER

Family records and County, State and U. S, records show that he lived in Randolph County, North Carolina and owned lands there.

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THE LUTHER FAMILY.

CHRISTIAN LUTHER lived in Randolph County, North Carolina, and my grandmother, Priscilla Carolina Luther Valentine, always said that the family were Dutch. Family Records show that Jacob Luther, his son, also lived in Randolph County, North Carolina. Jacob Luther is the only child of Christian Luther of which I have record. The numerous entries in the land and marriage records of Randolph County, North Carolina, indicate that there were undoubtedly other children. We have no record of the wife of Christian Luther. In the U. S. Census of 1790 Christian Luther appears in Randolph County, North Carolina. Deed Book 4, page 84 shows that Christian Luther owned lands in Randolph county, North Carolina, in 1790. Among the early settlers of the Hillsboro District were the Luthers and Coggins' people. My grandmother always spoke of her great grandfather and grandfather as residing in Randolph County, North Carolina.

JACOB LUTHER was the son of Christian Luther. So far as is known it is possible that he lived in Randolph County, North Carolina, all his life. His children who were living are mentioned in his will recorded in Will Book 13, page 439 of the County Records of Randolph County, North Carolina, and his wife, his son Hillary, his daughter Elizabeth Ann and Falena, another daughter, were his heirs. James Martin Luther, his son, was not mentioned for he had been killed in the Civil War several years before Jacob Luther died. My grandmother has told me many times of a trip her father, James Martin Luther, made back to Randolph County, North Carolina, to see his people and I have one of the two bed spreads which James Martin Luther was given while he was on this visit. The bed spreads or counterpanes as they are also called were woven by his sisters. My grandmother said that there were two sisters, and the visit just mentioned took place several years before the Civil War. James Martin Luther named one of his sons Hames Hillary Luther - taking the name Hillary from his brother Hillary's name.

JAMES MARTIN LUTHER was born in Randolph County, North Carolina, for his father, Christian Luther, appears to have lived there all his life. James Martin Luther was the son of Christian Luther. Christian Luther's will does not mention James Martin Luther because James Martin Luther was killed early in the Civil War - several years before Christian Luther died. James Martin Luther married Louisa Coggins of Rowan County, North Carolina. There are numerous entries in the records of Randolph County and Rowan County, North Carolina, showing land sales, marriages and other things for both the Luther and Coggins families. Louisa Coggins who married James Martin Luther was a daughter of Burrell Coggins of Rowan County, North Carolina. The children of James Martin Luther and Louisa Coggins Luther were: -

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Priscilla Carolina Luther, b. Oct. 15th, 1844, m. Jesse Monroe Valentine in Mississippi and D. June 9th, 1920; James Hillary Luther (Uncle Doc) who moved to Oklahoma and lived near the town of Ada, Okla.); Margaret, m. (1) Miller and moved to Valley View, Texas and m. (2) ____ Summers; and Calvin Luther (died of wounds received at the Battle of Brice's Cross Roads serving in the Confederate States Army in the Cavalry commanded by General Nathan Bedford Forrest.) James Martin Luther and his son, Calvin Luther both lost their lives in the Civil War and both are buried in the old Coleman graveyard near Montpelier, Mississippi. Louisa Coggins Luther is also buried there.

PRISCILLA (POLLY) CAROLINA (LUTHER) VALENTINE was a daughter of James Martin Luther and Louisa Coggins Luther. She was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on October 14th, 1844. When she was four years old her family moved to Chickasaw County, Mississippi where a number of the Coggins and Luther families had already located. Priscilla Caroline Luther was married to Jesse Monroe Valentine who had moved to Chickasaw County, Mississippi, from Greene County, Alabama. They lived at the intersection of the Houston and Starkville Road with the West Point and Montpelier Road where Jesse Monroe Valentine, a cabinet maker and a wagon maker, had a shop which was destroyed by Union soldiers during Grierson's Raid in the Civil War. The names of her children are all given in detail in the Chapter on the Valentine family in this record. Very late in life Priscilla Caroline Luther Valentine, who had been a widow for many years, married Ezekiel Hawkins but they only lived together a very short time. She died on June 9th, 1920 at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. William Jesse Valentine, with whom she had lived during the last thirty years of her life. She was buried with her husband and all of the children except her son, William Jesse Valentine, who is buried in the Valentine family Square in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, now called Greenwood Cemetery at West Point, Mississippi. All the old members of the Valentine family are buried at Cairo, Mississippi, in the churchyard of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Jesse Monroe Valentine has two sisters and a brother buried in the Big Springs Cemetery about five miles away. Priscilla Caroline (Luther) Valentine was the grandmother of John Jackson Valentine who gathered the material for this family record.

JAMES WILLIAM POWELL

There are only family records to show that James William Powell lived near Macon, Georgia, and that he left there and moved to Chickasaw County, Mississippi, but there is abundant proof in the family, county, state and U. S. Government records to show that he lived on in Chickasaw County and Calhoun County, Mississippi until he died.

THE POWELL FAMILY.

JAMES WILLIAM POWELL was born on February 23, 1821 and Powell family records show that it might have been in Randolph County, Georgia. He married Mary Jane Dean at or near Macon, Georgia. He was an overseer on a plantation owned by Mary Jane Dean's father, James Dean. Mary Jane Dean's father objected to her becoming the wife of James William Powell and she went ahead and married him anyhow - her father's objections to the contrary notwithstanding. Family records indicate that James Dean never became reconciled to the wedding of his daughter to James William Powell. Mary Jane Dean was born on December 25th, 1823 near Macon, Georgia and she died in her twenty-seventh year, so she only lived a short time after she had left her father's home. When she left her father's home he did give her a slave girl named Julianne who always lived with her and her children. The children of James William Powell and Mary Jane (Dean) Powell were Henrietta, m. Hugh Livingstone Ford; James Hiram; Benjamin Franklin and William Alexander. Mary Jane Dean Powell died when her son, William Alexander Powell was born. James William Powell married again afterwards to Jane Thompson (thought to be a relative to H. H. Thompson who married Sarah Ann Ford, the sister of Hugh Livingstone Ford) and their children were Mollie, Mattie, John L., Eliza, Sarah, Fannie, Robert (Bob), Jesse and Ida. (Jesse and Ida were twins.) Henrietta married H. L. Ford; James H. married Mrs. Mattie Carter; Benjamin Franklin married Sophia Langston; William married Nancy Byars. The children of James William Powell and Jane Thompson were all born in Calhoun County, Mississippi, where they lived after the family left Chickasaw County. Mollie married Dr. W. H. Hardin; Mattie married P. S. Terry; John L. married Rena Reid; Eliza married Alvis Langston; Fannie married Willie Robinson; Robert (Bob) married Beulah Winter; Jesse was slain at Pittsboro, Mississippi, by Ed Ryan when Jesse was a very young man, and I have no records to show that Ida was married. I think Ida died very young. James William Powell is buried in Calhoun County, Mississippi, where he reared a large family and some of his sons and grandsons have been prominent professional men. Some of them have sought and held high political offices in Calhoun County, too. Records of the father and mother of James William Powell have not yet been found but it is thought that his place of birth was Randolph County, Georgia.

THE POWELL FAMILY (continued)

HENRIETTA POWELL was the daughter of James William Powell and Mary Jane Dean Powell. She was born in Chickasaw County, Mississippi on August 7th, 1845 near Old Dixie Mill just above Sparta, Mississippi and she had only one sister, Mary Etta who died within a month or two after she was born. She had three full brothers, James Hiram, Benjamin Franklin and William Alexander. After James William Powell married Jane Thompson they had the following children - half brothers and sisters of Henrietta Powell - Mollie, Mattie, John L., Eliza, Sarah, Fannie, Robert(Bob), Jesse and Ida. The Powell family was prominent in Calhoun County. Henrietta Powell married Hugh Livingstone Ford of Chickasaw County, Mississippi, immediately after the Civil War and her husband took her to his home at Montpelier, Mississippi, where he was a planter. She died on August 13th, 1894 at the age of forty-nine years and six days. The children of Henrietta Powell Ford and her husband, Hugh Livingstone Ford, were Mary Elizabeth, m. M. F. Chandler; Virginia Cora, m. William Jesse Valentine; Andrew Jackson, m. Ella Paden; William Alonza, died young; and Hugh Washington, m. Ella Mosley. William Jesse Valentine married Virginia Cora Ford and their children were John Jackson, m. Virginia Townsend; Irma Henrietta, m. Wilbur R. Watkins; Mary Clyde(died young); Frances Virginia,(died young); Hugh Monroe, m. Avis Lee; and William Alonza (single).

JAMES TAYLOR

A record of his family in America after he came from Carlisle, England and settled on the Chesapeake Bay between York and North Rivers. A tablet to his memory was unveiled in King and Queen County, Virginia, on June 17th, 1933.

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JAMES TAYLOR came from Carlisle, England to America and he located on the Chesapeake Bay between York and North Rivers about the middle of the seventeenth century. The name of his first wife was Frances. After the death of Frances Taylor he was married to Mary Gregory. His eldest son, James Taylor, was by his first marriage. His children by the second marriage were Ann, Mary, Edmund, Elizabeth and John. Family records as well as county, state and national records show this. A tablet was unveiled to his memory in King and Queen County, Virginia, on June 17th, 1933 which states that from him were descended President James Madison and President Zachary Taylor and some others who are prominent in our country's history.

JAMES TAYLOR, son of James Taylor who emigrated to Virginia from Carlisle, England, was born about 1674 and he died in 1729. He lived in Orange County, Virginia and he married Martha Thompson who was born about 1676. (Martha Thompson Taylor died in 1762.) James Taylor was one of the first settlers and large landowners in Orange County, Virginia. His children were Zachary, m. Elizabeth Lee; George, m. Rachel Gibson(1st) and Sarah (Talliaferro) Conway, the widow of Capt. Francis Conway and also the daughter of Col. John and Sarah (Smith) Talliaferro (2nd); Erasmus, m. Jane Moore; Frances, m. Ambrose Madison; Martha, m. Thomas Chew; Tabitha, m. ___ Wild; Hannah, m. ___ Battaile; Mildred, m. ___ Thomas; and James, m. ___ Thornton(1), McGrath (2) and Gregory (3).

GEORGE TAYLOR of Orange County, Virginia, was born in 1711. His first wife was Rachel Gibson and his second wife was Sarah (Talliaferro) Conway, the widow of Captain Francis Conway. Bishop Meade says (II-98) that George Taylor had fourteen sons of whom seven served in the Revolutionary War and thirteen held office under the government at the same time. Mr. Stannard says that Colonel George Taylor was a member of the House of Burgesses for Orange County, Virginia, 1748-58, that he was a member of the Orange County Committee in 1774 and a member of the Virginia Convention in 1175. His children were James, b. 1738,m. Anna Pendleton; George; Jonathan, b. 1742, m. Ann Berry; Edmund, m. Sarah Stubbs; Frances; Richard, m. Catherine Davis; John, died on a prison ship, a private in the Continental line, at New York; William, m. Coats; Reuben, m. Rebecca Moore; Benjamin, Gibson, m. Mary K. ___; and by his second marriage George Taylor's children were George Conway, (1769-1905) and Charles, b. 1755. (He is referred to under Conway, 21, 244, by Hayden.)

TAYLOR RECORDS (continued)

CHARLES TAYLOR was a son of Col. George Taylor and Sarah(Talliaferro) Conway Taylor and he marries Miss Elizabeth Pannell. Charles Taylor was a first cousin of President James Madison and a second cousin of President Zachary Taylor. He had four sons who were in the service of the colonies in the Revolutionary War, two of whom, James Taylor and William Taylor, drew pensions. (Rev. War & 1812 War Section - Bureau of Pensions.) Thomas Taylor, the youngest son of Charles Taylor, married Frances Barbour of Richmond County, Virginia. Thomas Taylor was not old enough to be in the Army when the Revolution was fought, but Charles Taylor did serve and his record is set forth by Hayden showing he received 6000 acres of land and other claims. (Hayden - Virginia Genealogies - page 671). The last will and testament of Charles Taylor is probated in Madison County, Virginia, in Book 1, page 195 and provides life estate for his wife, Elizabeth, gives land to Thomas Taylor, and mentions his other children- Littleton, William, Benjamin, James, Sally and Polly. He stated that his son, John, had already been given his part and he made his son William, his executor. The will was probated Sept. 27, 1798.

THOMAS TAYLOR, the youngest son of Charles Taylor, married Frances Barbour of Richmond County, Virginia, and their children were Pannell Taylor, b. 1801, m. Milly Brown; Elizabeth Taylor, b. 1803, died single; "Patsy" (Martha) Taylor, b. 1805, m. George Washington Ford; Sarah Jane Taylor, b. 1806, M. M. Burke; Nancy Taylor, b. 1808, m. M. Wise; John Barbour Taylor, b. 1811, m ____ and moved to Louisiana; Thomas E. Taylor, b. 1814, m. ___ Hanshaw and moved to Maryland and then went West before the Civil War; Margaret Taylor, b. 1820, died single; and Arthur Taylor, b. 1823, m. ___ Murry and left one son, R. O. Taylor. "Patsy" (Martha) Taylor, above mentioned, moved with her husband, George Washington Ford, from Madison and Culpeper Counties, Virginia, to Chickasaw County, Mississippi. She is also shown in the chapters on the Barbour family and Ford family. "patsy" (Martha) Taylor Ford was the great grandmother of John Jackson Valentine who compiled the records shown herein. (Note- The foregoing account of the Taylor family was started in 1928 when Mr. R. O. Taylor was still living. I have one of his letters written to Mr. Terrill C. Taylor who was living also at that time. Mr. R. O. Taylor also wrote to me. Mr. Terrill C. Taylor, a son of Dr. John W. Taylor of Madison, Virginia, gave me much of the Taylor history from his own records and the records of others related to the family. He was a grandson of Pannell Taylor who was a brother to "Patsy" (Martha) Taylor Ford, my great grandmother. Mr. Terrill C. Taylor's records show that Col. George Taylor, of Richmond County, Virginia, was the father of Dr. Charles Taylor and that one of the daughters of Charles Taylor married a Mr. Hoffman over in Blue Ridge and that Dr. John W. Taylor said that a very old man named Hoffman always insisted that his mother told him that President Zachary Taylor was born near Orange Court House while the family was on its way to Kentucky. Mr. Terrill Taylor could remember Frances Barbour Taylor, the wife of Thomas Taylor, quite well. He recalled a number of the other great aunts and uncles in our ancient family.

TAYLOR RECORDS (continued)

"PATSY" (MARTHA) TAYLOR, a daughter of Thomas Taylor of Madison County, Virginia, was born on February 4th, 1805 and her husband, George Washington Ford, was born on February 4th, 1809. Her mother (Patsy Taylor's mother) was Frances Barbour, the daughter of William Barbour and Elizabeth (Bailey) Barbour. Her Brothers and sisters were John Barbour Taylor, m. _____ and moved to Louisiana, where he became very wealthy operating sugar plantations; Pannell Taylor, m. Milly Brown; Arthur Taylor, m. ____ Murry and had a son, R. O. Taylor, living in 1928 at Leon, Virginia; Thomas Taylor, m. and moved to Maryland and then went on out West before the Civil War; Margaret;- (I have not been able to get records of all her brothers and sisters.) George Washington Ford and Patsy (Martha) Ford had the following children: John T., b. Sept. 6, 1835; Mary Frances, b. May 4th, 1837, m. (1) T. L. Roberts, Sr. and (2) R. W. Miller and she only had one child, T. L. Roberts, Jr., by her first marriage; Sarah Ann, b. Nov. 5th, 1838, m. (1) H. H. Thompson - two children died in infancy and m. (2) Joe Hill and had John Hill, Joe Hill and Lucy Hill; Hugh Livingstone, b. Sept. 4th, 1840, m. (1) Henrietta Powell and had Mary Elizabeth, Virginia Cora, Andrew Jackson, William Alonza and Hugh Washington, and m. (2) Sue Thompson-no issue; George Marcellus, b. Sept. 23, 1842 and William Andrew, b. August 9th, 1850. All their children except William Andrew were born in Virginia. "Patsy" Taylor Ford's son, Hugh Livingstone Ford, was the grandfather of John Jackson Valentine.

NOTE: The County Records in Culpeper, Va. and Madison, Va. are well kept and I must acknowledge the kind assistance of Mrs. C. H. Wine, Mrs. Mollie Taylor White, Mrs. Ethel B. Cave, Mr. R. O. Taylor, Mr. Terrill C. Taylor in Virginia who travelled and laboured in gathering the material making up the records of our Ancient family.

(All copies and original letters as well as court records and copies of other records will be found in the Library of the Department of Archives and History of the State of Mississippi at Jackson, Mississippi, the capitol of my native state.)

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